# Stewardship at a glance:

**61**

**Parishioners Participating in Online Giving**

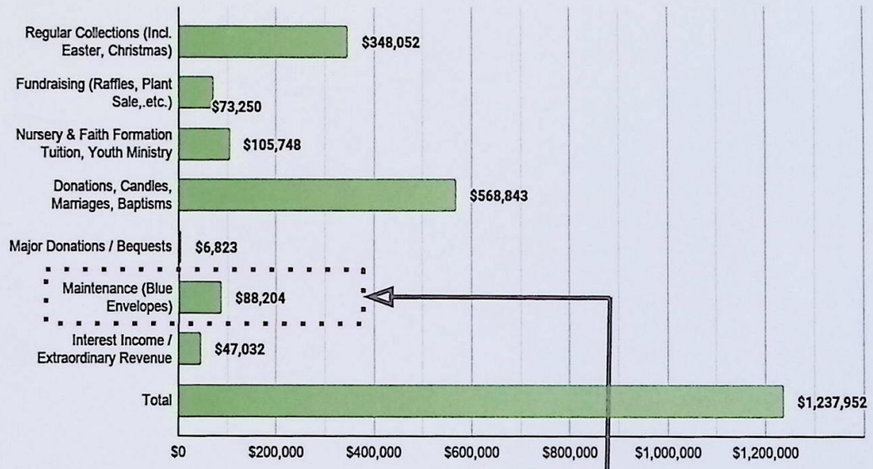
**$12,750**

**Weekly Operating Expenses** (Average)

**$7,300**

**Weekly Operating Revenue** (Average)

Parish Revenues (Fiscal Year End 31 August 2025)

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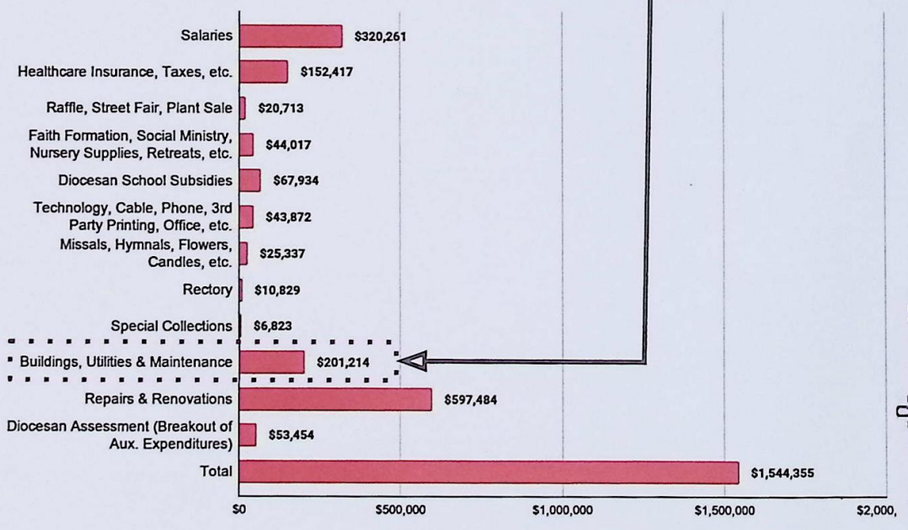


Our Revenues vs. Expenditures:

$1,237,952
($1,544,355)

**$306,402**

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We estimate next year's deficit to be:
**($300,000)**
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Our balance sheet as of 21 July 2026:

Total assets:
**$1,678,266**

Liabilities:
**$26,134**

Estimated number of years before we run out of money:

**5**

# Our Parish At A Glance (2025)

**125**

**Registered families**
(Census as of 16 July 2026)

**425**

**Holy Masses**

**117**

**Children / Teenagers in Faith Formation**

**7**

**Weekly Average of Parishioners sharing testimony of what God is doing in this village**

## Our treasures & the reason we exist - all of you

- **30** Baptisms
- **20** First Communions
- **27** Confirmations
- **6** Full Reception into Church
- **31** Marriages
- **19** Funerals
- **318** Opportunities for Confession (Confession Offered 5 times/week)
- **40** Anointings of the Sick
- **484** Live-Streamed Events (Masses, Funerals, Weddings, Tuesday Night Lights)
- **54** Evenings of Prayer (English) (Tuesday Night Lights)
- **52** Evenings of Prayer (Spanish)
- **293** Eucharistic Adoration Opportunities
- **2** Parish Missions (English)
- **4** Parish Retreats (Spanish)
- **44** Events for Adults
- **61** Youth Group Meetings
- **0** People in O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- **20** Children in Nursery Program
- **102** Parishioners that have begun discerning their Spiritual Gifts (aka Charisms)
- **23** Parish Social Events
- **7** Ecumenical Events

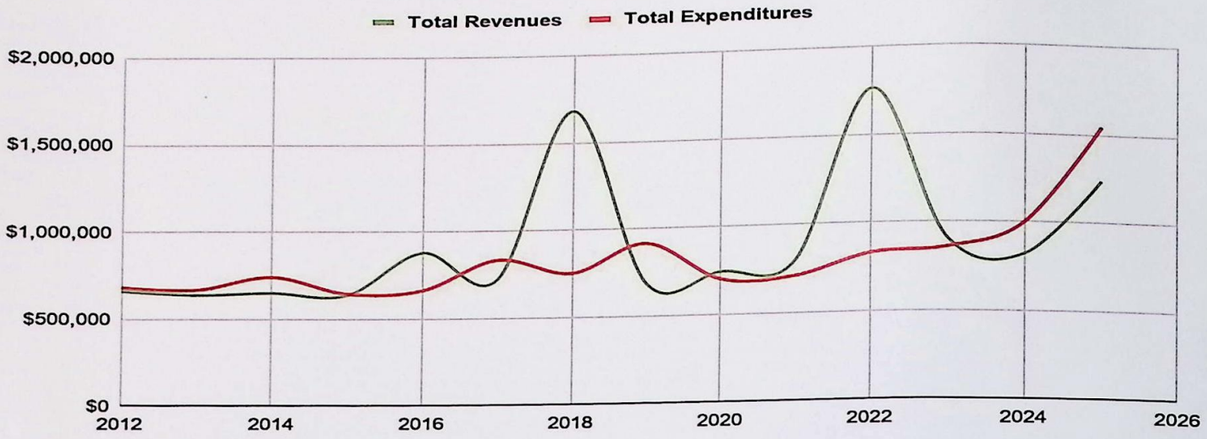
**Full-Time Team:**

**1** Priest
**1** D.R.E. / Full-time Staff Member

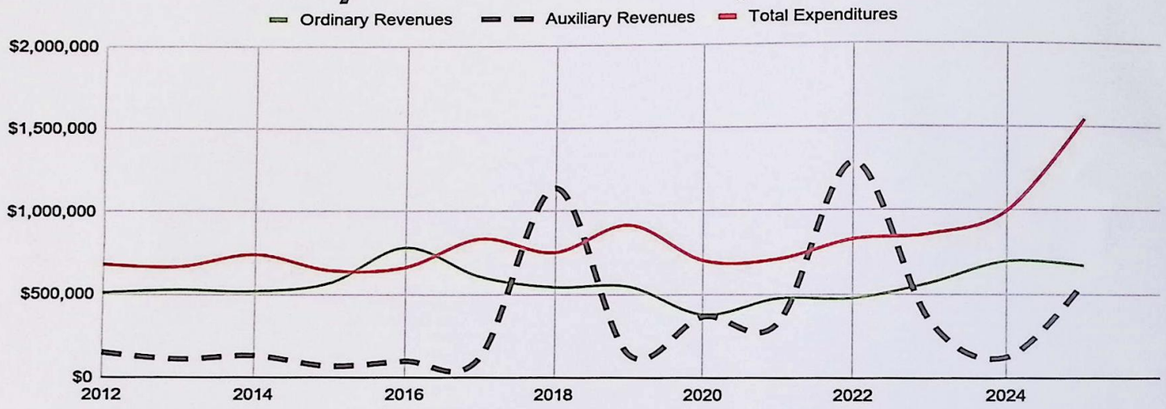
**Part-Time Team:**

**2** Teachers, **3** Aides, **1** Maintenance Worker
**1** Custodian, **1** Business Manager
**1** Music Director
**45** Volunteers for Ministries
**3** Volunteers for Little Flower Helping Hands of MTK

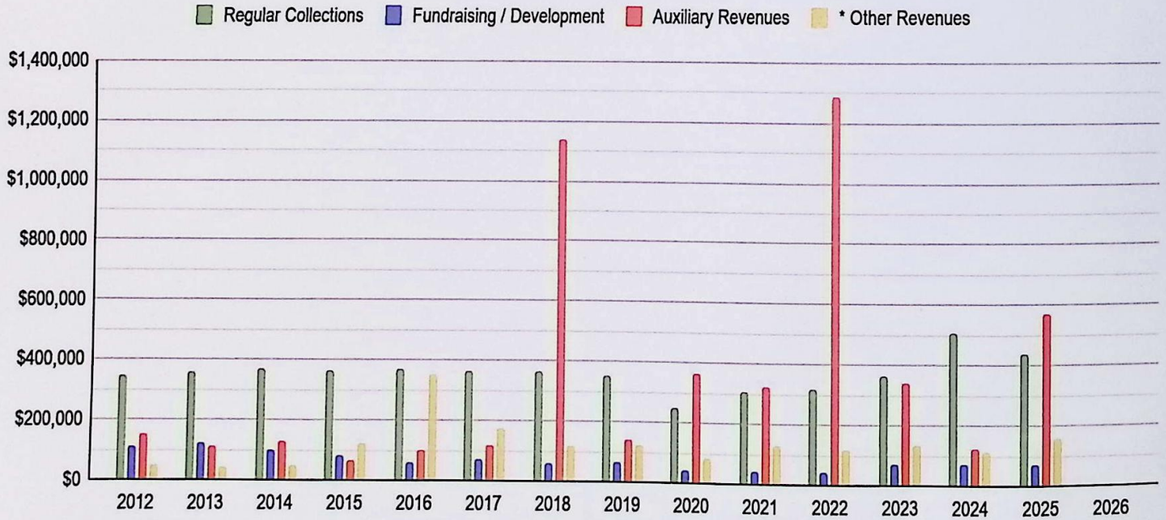
## Total Revenues vs. Total Expenditures




## Ordinary Revenues vs. Expenditures




## Regular Collections, Fundraising / Development, Auxiliary & other Revenues




# Parish Annual Financial Report (2025)

*Presented by the Parish Finance Council*

On behalf of Fr. Liam and the members of the Saint Therese of Lisieux Finance Council, we would like to share the 2025 fiscal year financial condition of the parish with you. This report includes summaries for the past 13 years to help provide perspective on where we currently stand.

**Our current situation:** The projected deficit for 2026 is **$300,000**. For all the parish offers to the greater Montauk Community, young parents looking for a great Nursery School, Food Pantry, AA, Community Garden, we are financially bleeding out.

**Our parish looks great, but don't let that mislead you:** The projects to replace the fence and playground were decisions made for the safety of our children in the nursery school and parishioners. We were able to proceed with replacing the fence because of generous donors. The playground was going to be funded from the sales of cherub chance ticket sales, but a generous donor stepped in and covered the cost of the playground. This simply allowed us to direct the funds to other needs in our nursery school. We are grateful for the concern of so many people who inquire about the status of the nursery school. We are often asked if the school would ever close. The answer is no, that is not our intention, and we don't believe it is the intention of the priests that will be taking over after Fr. Liam leaves. However, when looking at the #1 fundraiser for the nursery school, we can't help but recognize that the majority of those buying tickets are not parishioners.

**A word on "money that goes to the diocese"**: We respect and understand the desire to earmark money for Church Maintenance and specific projects. We are grateful for all contributions, big and small. That being said, this year's contributions towards church maintenance (see reverse) totaling **$88,204** do not cover half the cost for maintenance, utilities and fuel: **$201,204**. The Diocesan Assessment for 2025 was **$53,454**. It is a misnomer that we would be running in the black if we didn't contribute to the diocese. Additionally, there is a category for congregations that don't contribute to the diocese: they are called chapels or mission churches. These Churches don't have to worry about paying for programming, because they don't have it. The only bills that churches in this category need to cover are maintenance and a reduced tier of insurance. Some people may look at that as a "win." We don't and the team at this parish is <u>not</u> working for that outcome.

**Don't ask what your parish can do for you, ask what you can do for your parish.** Some ways you can help:

- ❑ **Increase your weekly offering**: if you are currently putting a single in the collection, you may consider putting the amount of a Montauk IPA into the collection. Simple changes like that could greatly help! Drink less, donate more.
- ❑ **Make an annual charitable gift to the parish** or **make a donation to defray the cost the parish had to pay for the most recent projects** like the repair of leak & water damage in Sanctuary above/behind the Tabernacle.
- ❑ We are looking for people with ideas & energy to run fundraising events ("turn-key"). **<u>Please contact us if this is you.</u>**
- ❑ **Cover the cost to renovate the old Convent** (estimated to be ($200-300K) so that the parish can create another source of sustainable revenue by renting it.
- ❑ **Offer your time and talent to repair and renovate the parish**. Fr. Liam has been busy repairing the steps, repointing the slate, fixing the hardware on the front doors and parish center. Even if he were here October forward, this is not a sustainable way to keep a parish in operation. Mindsets need to change. This parish belongs to you, we should have a healthy pride for our 'home' and work to maintain it with zeal and dedication.

**A personal reflection point from Fr. Liam: As your pastor I would like to personally thank everyone who is working hard to keep this parish afloat.** There is much unseen generosity of time and talent from small sections of our family, but if more people stepped up we would be much healthier. **Although this is a financial report, it would be misleading to speak only of monetary contributions without reference to the deeper realities that make a parish prosper.** I would ask everyone, every age group and every state in life to reflect upon these questions:

What is my level of involvement with the parish? Is my involvement with the parish once a week to fulfill my Sunday Mass obligation or does it extend beyond that? Do I attend parish functions or fundraising events when they are offered? What direction is my involvement (or lack thereof) leading the parish: in the direction of a thriving parish family or a mission church that helps people meet their Sunday Mass obligations. Would I be upset if I had Holy Mass on Sunday, but everything else in the parish disappeared? Yes or No?

*Let's go deeper…*

A Parish is so much more than what happens for 1 hour on Sunday. With that simple truth in mind we should ask: How does my involvement in this parish build others up and foster the unity that Jesus prays for in John 17 (unity among the members of our parish family, unity with the rest of the parishes on Long Island and with our diocese, unity with the universal church and the Pope)? If we are united as a parish family we need not worry about what challenges lie ahead. If we are intentional about being a Parish Family working together to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, then everything will be provided for.

Thank you very much for your attention to this annual discussion. We are always happy to discuss these matters in greater detail if you have any questions. **As a parish family on mission we can meet the fiscal challenges and provide a healthy parish for future generations.**

*St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us.*