



St. Joseph Ost Catholic Church

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ANNUAL REPORT



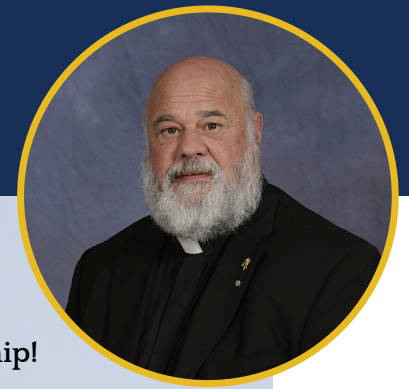
GO AND DO LIKEWISE

LUKE 10:25-37

2024-2025

Ora et Labora
Pray and Work

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



September 2025

Dear St. Joe Parishioners,

Another AMAZING YEAR demonstrating the POWER of Stewardship!

Please enjoy our 2024-2025 "Annual Report". I'd like to offer a quick reflection on what "jumped off the page" for me. Through your generous gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure, our parish continues growth in depth and numbers. While the total number of families has not increased substantially, the number of individuals has increased by six percent. (Lots of babies—Awesome!) Total weekend Mass attendance, hours of Eucharistic Adoration, the number of confessions, and volunteers for liturgical ministries have all increased from last year.

Further, the number of Stewards participating in service to church needs, school needs, and the buildings & grounds needs have all increased. Many hours were volunteered to add bathrooms, water and sewer to the portable. The library was moved from the basement of the original school to the Gym, and a new classroom was built in its place along with a junior high commons area complete with lockers. Storage on campus was increased through the preparation and placement of a shipping container. Many parishioners worked throughout the summer to get our school ready for the new year. Thank you!

Moreover, we have seen greater participation in our CYM/JCYM program. We have some amazing youth here and I am committed to "Protect the Bubble".

Finally, we have documented an increase of 3.17% in the giving of Treasure during the 24-25 fiscal year. Again, thank you!

May God continue to bless you, your family, and the work of your hands...

In Nomine Christi,

Fr. B.X. Gorges

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Pastor: Fr. Bernie Gorges

Chair: Wanda Day

Evelyn Clupny

Chris Gabler

Theresa Kremer

Dan May

John Simon

FINANCE COUNCIL

Pastor: Fr. Bernie Gorges

Chair: Amanda Coleman

Lisa Gabler

Justin Giefer

Gwen Robben

Betty Seiwert

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Pastor: Fr. Bernie Gorges

Principal: Liz Charles

School Secretary: Stacey Spexarth

Council President: Lakken Horsch

Josh Beying (Garden Plain)

Anthony Weber (Colwich)

Chris Dugan (Colwich)

Vince Casper (Aleppo)

Kelly Linnebur (St. Joe, Ost)

Stacy Helten (St. Joe, Ost)

Denise Eck (Andale)

1 Nathan Fischer (Andale)

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastor: Fr. Bernie Gorges

President: John Bergkamp

Finance Council: Amanda Coleman

Stewardship Council: Wanda Day

Holy Name Society President: Matt Helten

Altar Society President: Jenna Giefer

Communications: Pam May

CYM: Brady Schwartz

At large: Byron Bergkamp

At large: Jarrett Bergkamp

At large: Clint Linnebur

WHO WE ARE

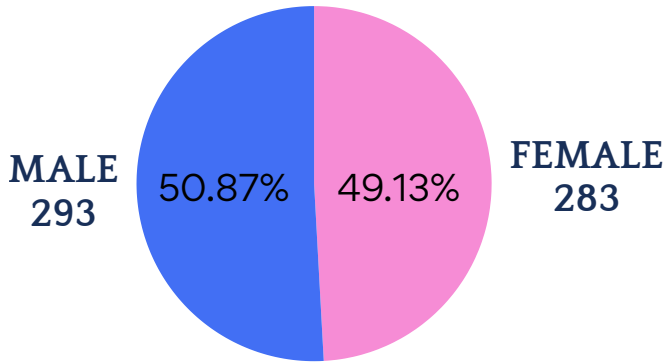
166 Registered Households
576 Total Parishioners

Average Parishioner Age
29.56

Average Male Age
30.09

Average Female Age
29.03

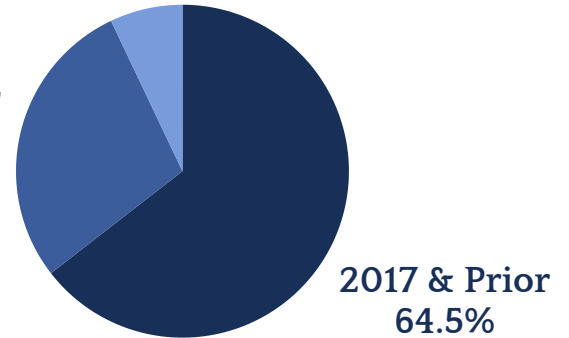
PARISH POPULATION MALE TO FEMALE



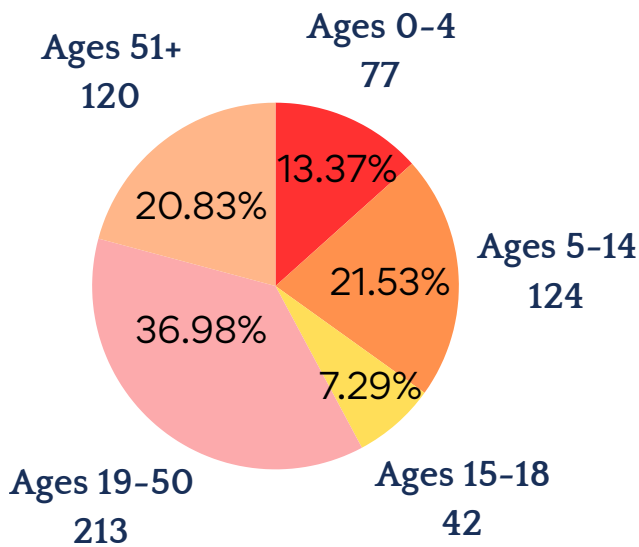
YEARS OF HOUSEHOLD REGISTRATION AT ST. JOE

2024-2025
7.1%

2018-2022
28.4%



PARISH POPULATION AGE RANGES



13 NEW HOUSEHOLDS
26 NEW PARISHIONERS
(7 BABIES!)

243 PARISHIONERS ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER. THAT'S 42.19% OF THE PARISH!

GENERATIONS



Traditionalists (1900-1945) =13 2.2%



Millennials (1981-1996) =106 17.9%



Baby Boomers (1946-1964) =75 12.7%



Generation Z (1997-2012) =144 24.4%



Generation X (1965-1980) =66 11.2%



Generation Alpha (2013-Present) =187 31.6%

PRAYER & FORMATION

**TOTAL WEEKEND
MASS ATTENDANCE**



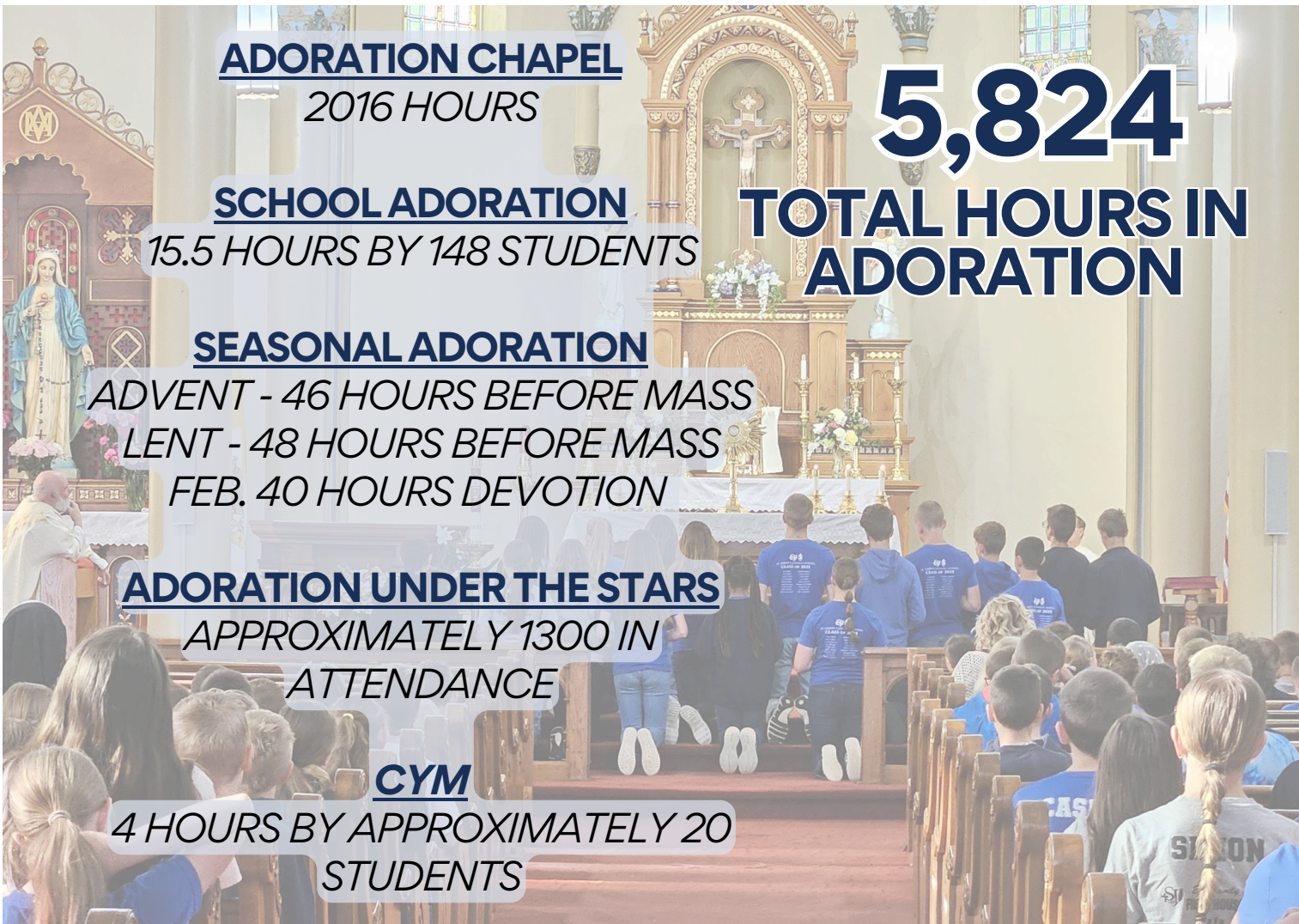
**AVERAGE
WEEKEND
ATTENDANCE**



SAT 4PM



SUN 9AM



Sacraments

(7.1.2024 - 6.30.2025)

Baptisms.....	11
First Communions.....	27
Confirmations.....	25
Confessions.....	3,808
OCIA.....	2
Marriages.....	5
Anointing of the Sick.....	
Funerals & Burials.....	10
Seminarians.....	1




Isaac Hilger - St. Joe Parishioner & Alumnus
 Peter Bergkamp - St. Joe Alumnus
 Isaac Peloquin - St. Joe Alumnus

Liturgical Ministries *Individuals Serving*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.....	25
Ministers to the Homebound.....	3
Altar Servers	47
Offertory Families	62
Ushers	83
Lectors	23
Adult Music Ministry	18
Youth Organists	4
Sacristans	3



HOW OUR YOUTH SERVE

	CYM (Grades 9-12)	JCYM (Grades 5-8)
MEMBERS	43	48
HOURS SERVED	747	325
ATTENDED	6 Camp Totus Tuus 7 Steubenville	8 Camp Totus Tuus

FULFILLED THE LITURGICAL MINISTRIES OF THE MASS ON 9 SATURDAYS

575 HOURS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CYM PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

MEALS

CYM:

8 BREAKFASTS
 1 CHILI/SOUP @ BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

JCYM:

5 LENTEN MEATLESS DINNERS
 1 PASTA DINNER @ PASSION PLAY

STEUBENVILLE 2025: ST PAUL MINNESOTA



HOSPITALITY & SERVICE

ALTAR SOCIETY

All women in the parish 18 and older

Annual Quilt Bingo in September

Christmas in July Cash Raffle

Food for funerals

Church Cleanings

Officers:
Jenna Giefer
Theresa Kremer
Jennifer Simon
Diane Blasi-Courchaine

HOLY NAME

All men in the parish 18 years and older

Annual Trap Shoot in November

Annual Gun Raffle

Semi Annual Parish Grounds Clean-Up

Officers:
Matt Helten
Clint Linnebur
Justin Giefer
Chord Zeller

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

2 Welcoming Socials

Parish Picnic

Pitch Night/Card Party

HOSTED

2nd Parish Auction

28th German Dinner

6th Totus Tuus Training Week

3rd Totus Tuus Family Fun Night

Parish Totus Tuus (82 registered students)

13th Adoration Under the Stars

STEWARDSHIP PILLARS

NUMBER OF ST. JOE STEWARDS

SERVICE

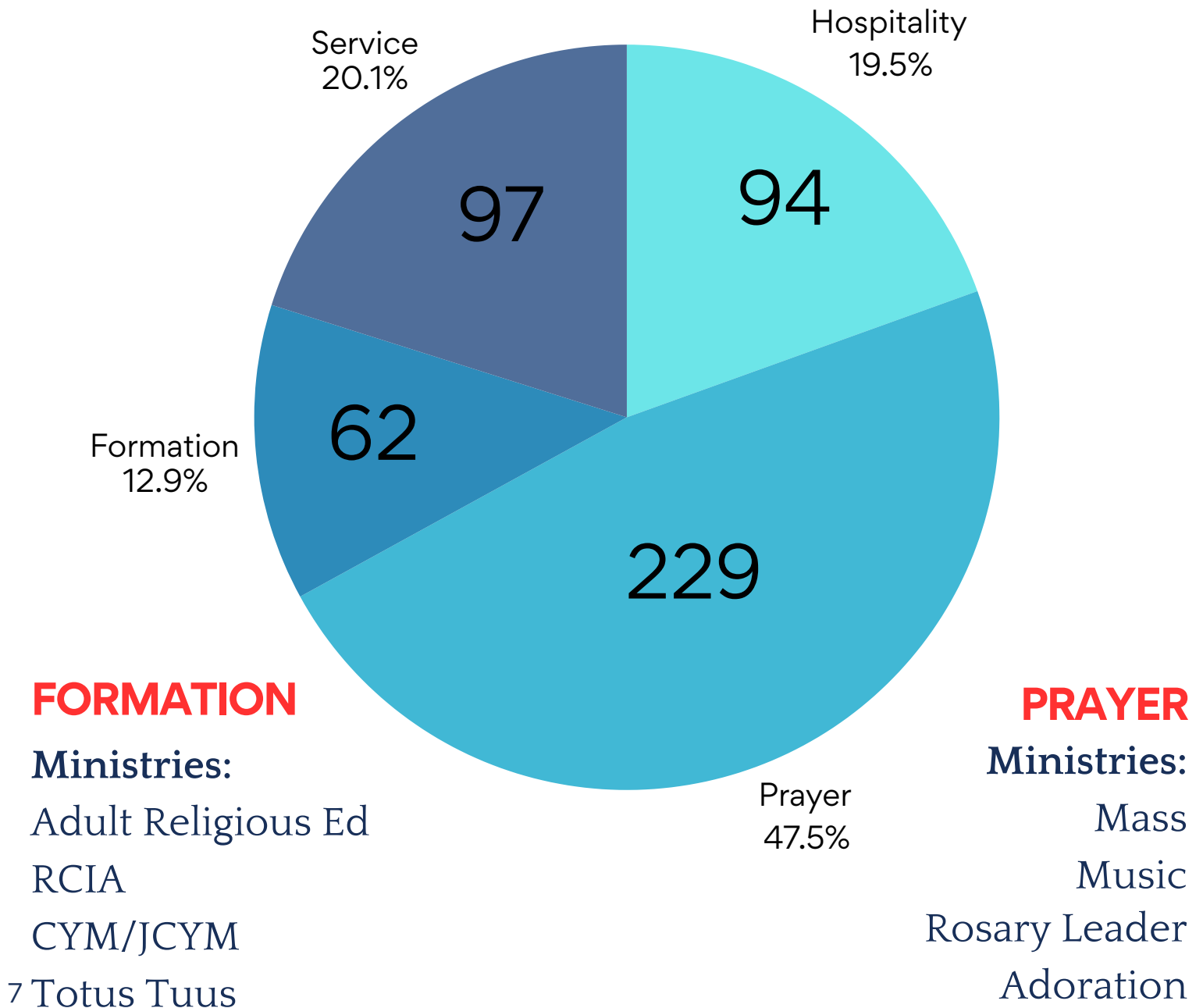
Ministries:

Buildings & Grounds
Church Needs
School Needs

HOSPITALITY

Ministries:

Homebound
Meal Train
Funeral Dinners



FORMATION

Ministries:

Adult Religious Ed
RCIA
CYM/JCYM
7 Totus Tuus

PRAYER

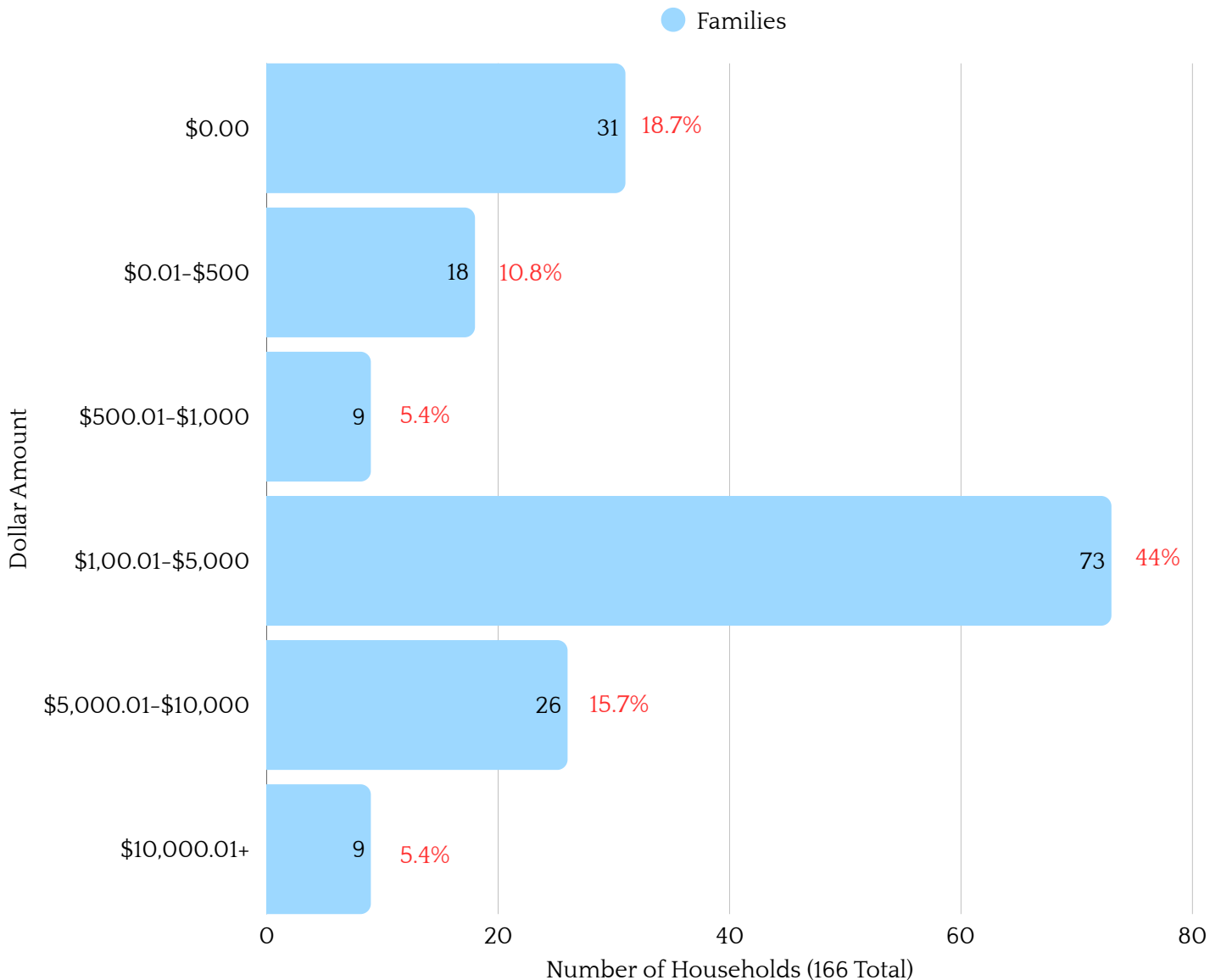
Ministries:

Mass
Music
Rosary Leader
Adoration

ANNUAL GIVING

This information reflects giving via verified donations and tithe from July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025 from our 166 registered households.

Number of Parish Households Who Give:



These percentages DO NOT reflect direct donations to the school. Verified donations of **\$134,351.33** were given directly by parishioners to the school from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

FISCAL YEAR END REPORT (2024-2025)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Ost) June Bulletin Report (Cash Basis)

	Month Ending 06/30/2025	Year To Date 06/30/2025
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		
Income:		
Church Collections	45,861.94	562,906.49
Directed Donations	38,430.00	203,952.24
School Fees & Tuition	33,369.83	558,466.28
Fundraising Receipts (Net)	1,633.00	318,712.25
Endowment Fund withdrawal/receipts	125.00	129,914.74
Other Income	45,494.29	66,013.89
Total Income	164,914.06	1,839,965.89
Church Expenses:		
Tithe to Diocese	5,363.67	63,684.76
Salaries & Benefits	10,200.09	87,566.53
Facility Operating Expenses	6,270.17	73,565.05
Other	11,760.98	69,752.42
Capital Improvements	0.00	119,908.53
Total Church Expenses	33,594.91	414,477.29
Education Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	77,882.97	950,722.33
High School Direct Support & Subsidy	4,470.00	6,024.97
Facility Operating Expenses	13,812.99	136,189.89
Supplies/Other	(2,272.24)	118,421.34
Technology Upgrades - Grant Funded	3,904.00	25,682.99
Total Education Expenses	97,797.72	1,237,041.52
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	33,521.43	188,447.08

**PARISH
AUCTION**

\$47,660 School \$10,550 CYM
\$47,660 Parish \$10,770 Fieldhouse

\$116,640

GOLF TOURNAMENT

School

\$25,425

**GERMAN
DINNER**

2,738 meals served

1 meal every 7.9 seconds

**579 dozen bierocks and 356 lb cooked
sausage** were sold on the day of the
dinner.

\$75,765

(\$71,600 School + \$4,165
Academic Fund)

BEYOND FUNDRAISING - MAINTENANCE TO MISSION

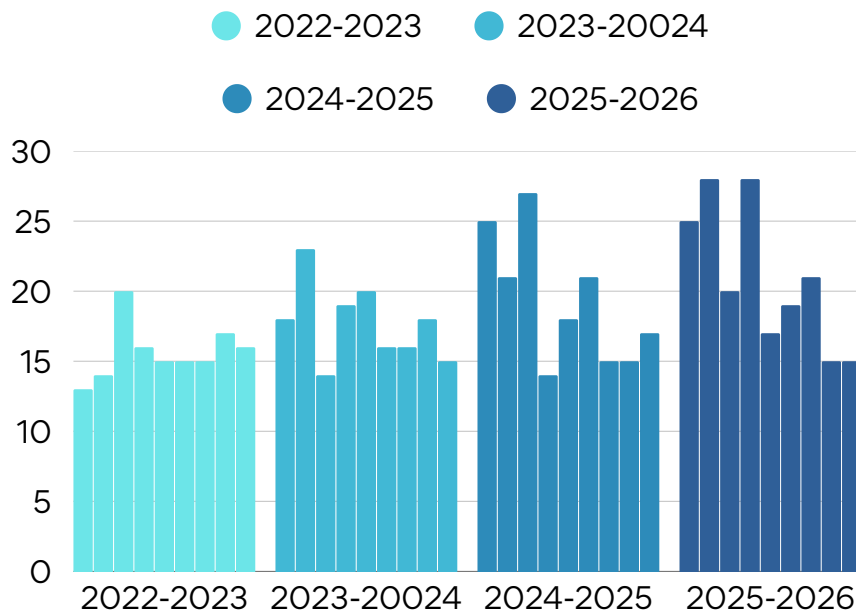
Event/Fund	Details	Funds
	Income generated from hosting 130 Totus Tuus missionaries on the St. Joe campus for 10 days, for the 6th year in a row.	\$21,500
	The Eck Family Fieldhouse Fund was introduced to cover needs associated with the Fieldhouse and St. Joe athletics.	\$10,770
	KFL Baby Bottle Project runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Funds raised support pro-life education and pregnancy resource centers.	\$727.13
ST. CECILIA ORGAN FUND	Special collections to assist in the cost of organ lessons for students.	\$1,988
Crownpoint, NM	Donations given to St. Paul Mission in Crownpoint, NM on Thanksgiving.	\$852.35
Walk in Sister's Shoes Campaign	Took place from January-March to benefit the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School Fund.	\$4,696
Mission Breakfast	Proceeds from the annual breakfast in March is donated to St. Anthony Family Shelter.	\$1,000

TOTAL: \$41,533

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Past 3 Years of Growth at St. Joseph Catholic School

St Joe Enrollment History
By Class: K-8



	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
K	13	18	25	25
1	14	23	21	28
2	20	14	27	20
3	16	19	14	28
4	15	20	18	17
5	15	16	21	19
6	15	16	15	21
7	17	18	15	15
8	16	15	17	15
Total	141	159	173	188

Grand Total of Growth (by number of students):

- 23-24**.....18 students (13% growth)
- 24-25**.....14 students (9% growth)
- 25-26**.....15 students (9% growth)

Enrollment numbers have grown by 47 since 2022-2023. That is a 33% increase.

Distinguished School of Excellence Awards



**Earned the “Fully Alive”
Academic Excellence Award
for 2025**

St Joe has now earned THREE of the diocesan distinguished school awards!

**FULL FORMATION
CATHOLIC CULTURE
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Christ Centered Educational Excellence