

Tubilee



THE BASILICA
OF SAINT MARY



2025 FISCAL YEAR | ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE PASTOR

I am deeply thankful to share the remarkable work and spiritual life of our parish throughout this past Jubilee Year. We have much to celebrate at The Basilica of Saint Mary.

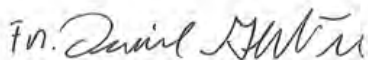
Our Jubilee Year commenced with great joy as Archbishop Bernard Hebda celebrated the Opening Mass on December 28, 2024. Over the course of this sacred year, The Basilica has remained a steadfast source of strength, solace, and hope for so many in our community.

Several significant historic events were marked at The Basilica this past year. In our honored role as a minor basilica, we carried forth the rituals of our distinction as a papal seat. We celebrated the Requiem Mass at The Basilica in remembrance of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, on April 29, 2025. A Mass of Thanksgiving followed 15 days later on May 14, as The Basilica community celebrated with the world at the announcement of Pope Leo XIV leading the Catholic Church.

Our Basilica has supported many families this past year through the sorrows of tragedy. We felt that very closely at the funeral for Melissa and Mark Hortman. I'm honored The Basilica could provide support for the family and community at a time of need. As a beacon of light, our parish's warmth and hospitality were visible to our state, our nation, and the world.

Our parish continues to embody the beating heart of the Catholic Church - reflecting our values of belonging, healing, and grace. We look ahead in the coming year to continue our journey as Pilgrims of Hope - seeking spiritual renewal and reflection.

Fr. Daniel Griffith



Pastor and Rector, The Basilica of Saint Mary



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FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	FISCAL YEAR 2024	FISCAL YEAR 2025
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Basilica Fund (parishioner/visitor donations, plate/holy day collections)	3,253,700	3,289,889
Other (memorials, special collections, reimbursements, interest)	279,703	280,911
Transfer from St. Vincent de Paul *	80,000	80,000
Estate and Will Bequests	25,062	15,000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION INCOME	3,638,465	3,665,800
PROGRAM INCOME		
Clergy Mass Stipends	2,810	2,026
Learning & Educational	92,098	55,362
Liturgy/Sacred Arts	63,261	55,726
Hospitality	4,629	4,093
Christian Life	39,000	35,020
TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME	201,798	152,227
Total Rental Income	2,750	3,250
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCOME	3,843,013	3,821,277
OPERATING/PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Administration	1,147,539	1,201,688
Mission Advancement	439,063	321,393
Buildings & Grounds/Safety & Security	805,453	891,536
Clergy	226,906	233,925
Volunteer & New Initiatives	103,044	106,245
Liturgy/Sacred Arts	949,842	959,428
Christian Life	450,983	415,606
Communications	95,269	97,657
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,218,099	\$ 4,227,478
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$ (375,086)	\$ (406,201)

- Salaries are included within each expense category.
- Administrative Services reimbursements from The Basilica Landmark are reflected in the totals.
- The net deficit for FY2025 will be covered by an allowable distribution from the parish reserve.
- These are pre-audited financial report and figures are subject to change pending final review.

In FY2025, we increased security efforts, filled open positions, addressed higher costs for snow removal and general maintenance, and enhanced IT security across parish systems.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVdP)

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	FISCAL YEAR 2024	FISCAL YEAR 2025
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Outreach Programs	532,863	522,543
Food	26,478	28,883
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 559,341	\$ 551,426
EXPENSES		
SVdP Outreach	638,280	605,662
Administration Expenses	80,000	80,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 718,280	\$ 685,662
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	\$ (158,939)	\$ (134,236)

*Administration Expenses reflect reimbursement to The Basilica of Saint Mary for administrative support services provided to St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP).

The FY2025 deficit of \$134,236 was covered by the SVdP cash reserve.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Your support sustains our mission and strengthens the spiritual and communal life of our parish in deeply meaningful ways.

Thank you for your prayer, generosity, and service.

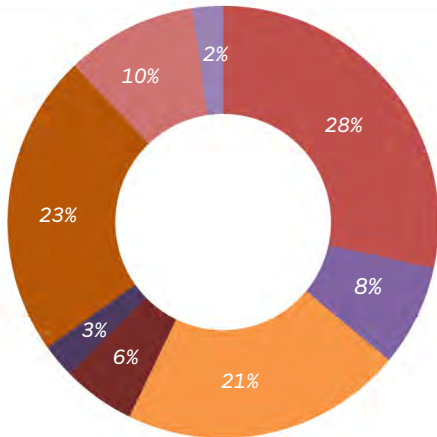
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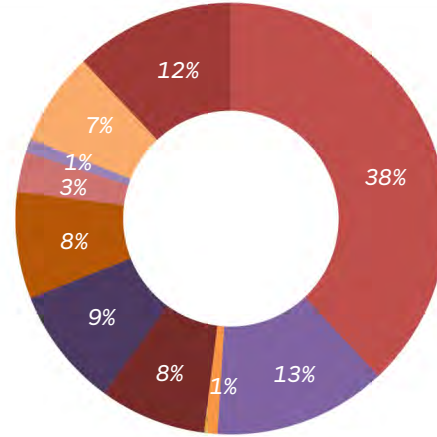
The Basilica Landmark financials are available as a separate organization at thebasilicalandmark.org.

**THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY
OPERATING & PROGRAM EXPENSES**



- Administration 28%
- Mission Advancement 8%
- Buildings & Grounds/
Safety & Security 21%
- Clergy 6%
- Volunteer & New Initiatives 3%
- Liturgy 23%
- Christian Life 10%
- Communications 2%

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
MINISTRIES/PROGRAMS**



- Rent/Housing 38%
- Food/Basic Needs 13%
- Immigration 1%
- Mentoring 8%
- IDs/Documents 9%
- Transportation 8%
- Community Service Events 3%
- Education 1%
- Partnerships 7%
- Administrative 12%

FISCAL YEAR MESSAGE

FROM FR. DANIEL GRIFFITH & AUDRA JOHNSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PARISH OPERATIONS

As we reflect on the past fiscal year, we want to provide an open and transparent update on our parish's financial and operational status.

We ended the year with a higher-than-anticipated deficit. While we had budgeted for a \$75,000 shortfall, the actual deficit was approximately \$400,000. This increase was driven largely by higher non-discretionary expenses and our expanded investment in security measures to protect the safety and well-being of everyone who enters our Basilica.

Fortunately, our parish has a cash reserve that provides stability during this period. We remain committed to protecting this reserve and are actively working on a long-term plan to ensure its continued strength.

On a positive note, both parish income and attendance continue to grow. However, income growth has not yet kept pace with rising expenses, and attendance remains below pre-COVID levels.

In response, we have begun reviewing and adjusting our organizational structure to better align with the needs of our parishioners and to operate more efficiently. Over the past several years, we have made meaningful improvements, and we remain committed to continuous progress.

Looking ahead, our Long-Term Task Force will explore strategies to eliminate annual deficits and develop a sustainable plan for responsibly using our cash reserve. With thoughtful planning and the continued generosity of our community, we are confident we can meet these challenges and continue to thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing faith, generosity, and commitment to The Basilica of Saint Mary.



Belonging

- 292 Parishioners Joined
- 13,477 Total Parish Members
- 127 Parish Households Joined
- 7,045 Total Parish Households

Engagement

- 895 Volunteers
- 105 Volunteer Roles
- 2 Sips and Noshes parish gatherings following Masses
- 200 Ash Wednesday Soup Meal attendees

Sustainability

- 2nd Annual Basilica Give Day
- 945 Recurring Donors
- 87 Golfers at Basilica Scramble
- 133 Attended the Annual Messiah Concert and Dinner

Habemus Papam

As America's first basilica, The Basilica of Saint Mary enjoys a special closeness to the pope. On April 29, 2025, The Basilica celebrated a Requiem Mass for Pope Francis.

On May 14, we held a Mass of Thanksgiving to welcome our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV—the first American pope, born in Chicago, Illinois—who now leads the Roman Catholic Church.

Community Partners

The Basilica works with more than 30 valued partners to help us care for both our parish and the wider community. These partners include organizations focused on housing, meals, advocacy, and interfaith relationships.

Through these partnerships, The Basilica is able to expand our reach and make the most effective use of our stewardship donations.



Sacraments

- 81 Baptisms
- 35 First Eucharists
- 49 Confirmations
- 47 Weddings

Faith Formation

- 153 Faith Formation Students (PreK – Grade 12)
- 19 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Participants
- 19 Adult Education Programs with 875 Attendees

Liturgy

- 20 Special Masses
- 12 Vesper Services
- 20 Blessings
- 15 Devotions
- 200+ Liturgical Volunteers

Sacred Arts

The Basilica is committed to the arts—seeking to move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through artistic excellence and creative expression.

Featured exhibitions included:

Join the Pilgrimage, Fr. Jerome Tupa
Oneness, Sr. Mary Ann Osborne
Transformative Textiles, The Multicolores Collective, Guatemala

Music Ministry

Missa Choralis, The Basilica's music series at the 5:00pm Saturday Mass of Anticipation, featured 21 guest soloists and ensembles.

Mundus, Juventus, and the Contemporary Ensemble include 35 volunteers who provide music for Masses, while more than 30 volunteers serve in our Cantor Ministry.

The Basilica Cathedral Choir, made up of 50 volunteers, sang at each 9:30am Sunday Eucharist throughout the season.



Concerts

- 12 Partner concerts
- Final Minnesota Sinfonia performance
- National Lutheran Choir performances
- Cathedral Choir Luminous Night of the Soul performance

Visitors

- 169 Docent led tours
- 1,379 Doors Open visitors
- Catholic High School visits include Benilde-St. Margaret's, Bethlehem Academy, and DeLaSalle

Virtual Connections

- 200 Livestream weekly attendees
- 9,700 Facebook followers
- 1,600 Instagram followers
- 4 BasiliCAST podcasts

Immigrant Support

Our Immigrant Support Ministry (ISM), which assists refugees and asylum seekers, supported 10 families as they began their new journey in Minnesota.

Sponsor Circle Teams and Accompaniment Teams—each made up of four to six volunteers—were paired with a family and worked alongside 12 immigration support partner organizations.

Mental Health

The Mental Health Ministry presented five sessions focused on Trauma-Informed Care, offering education and support to our parishioners and volunteers.

Twenty-three Basilica Emmaus Ministers provided compassionate listening, accompanying others through life's transitions.



Photos by Ken Fournelle

Mentoring

- 22 Hennepin Connections student and mentor pairs
- 10 Mentors accompanied citizens returning to the community from prison

Housing

- 264 Rental Assists in total including:
- 153 Assists to those needing help to keep their housing and prevent homelessness
- 111 Assists through Align MPLS

Wellness & Flourishing

- 479 Families assisted with clothing and household goods
- 1,300 People participated in Side-by-Side wellness programs bringing together those who are unhoused with those who are housed

St. Vincent de Paul

The Basilica Outreach ministry is open every week to serve our neighbors in need with gas cards, car repairs, and laundry vouchers.

A total of 2,416 people received vouchers for state identification, driver's licenses, or birth certificates—opening the door to housing, employment, and other essential services.

Nourishing Meals

Through our partnership with Loaves & Fishes, more than 500 people were served this year. From the Rectory window, 14,000 sandwiches were shared with neighbors in need.

Our Holiday Food Program supported 200 families, and each month, 260 breakfasts were provided to community members.