



Annual Stewardship Report

7/1/24-6/30/25

*We are a Catholic Community, united in the
Eucharist, living as disciples of Christ,
through the practice of Stewardship.*



Church of the
RESURRECTION
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From the Pastor



On my very first day here at Resurrection, I was walking up the stairs to the gathering space and as I passed the pictures of our former pastors, I couldn't help but smile when I came to the first pastor of our parish - Msgr. McGread. As many of you know, Msgr. Thomas McGread famously began the "Stewardship Way of Life" at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 40 years ago. The Stewardship Way of Life quickly spread throughout the diocese, and now the Diocese of Wichita is known worldwide for the way that we live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How incredible is it that our founding pastor was the founder of stewardship?! I would say that this isn't just a "happy coincidence", but rather divine providence! God has great plans for our parish family and for how the stewardship way of life is lived out here at Church of the Resurrection!

One of the things that I quickly realized in my first couple of days, weeks, and months as pastor is that our parish and our school are both treasures. But these treasures will only stay alive and well if stewardship is alive and well in our parish. In my eyes, "alive and well" means that every parishioner, both young and old, is "All-In" - all-in to sharing with God and neighbor our prayerful and sacrificial gifts of time, talent, and treasure. And so, as we begin another Stewardship Renewal at our parish and as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Stewardship in our diocese, God has given each and every one of us another opportunity to renew that fundamental commitment to Him - "to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourself" (*cf Lk 10:27*)!

I walk past Msgr. McGread's picture almost daily and I always say a little prayer asking him to intercede for our parish family and for me as your pastor! May his intercession help us to keep the treasure of our faith, the treasure of our parish family, and the treasure of our school alive and well for the glory of God and the salvation of souls!

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Fr. Andrew J. Labenz

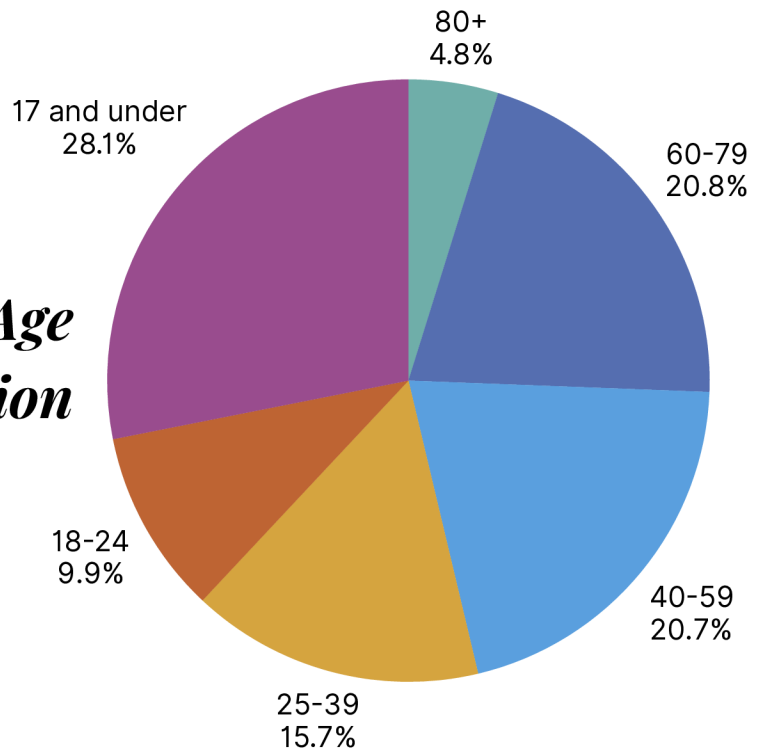
Pastor

Parishioners	1336	<i>Resurrection by the Numbers</i>	38	Baptisms
Households	627		28	First Communions
New Families	60		83	Confirmations
Average Sunday Mass Attendance	787		7	Marriages
RCS Students	189		13	Adult Converts
PSR Students	49		196	Eucharistic Adorers
Catholic High School Students	67		16	Funerals
Homeschool Students	44	65	Ministry Opportunities	

***All numbers listed here are for the fiscal year: 7/1/24-6/30/25**



Parishioner Age Distribution



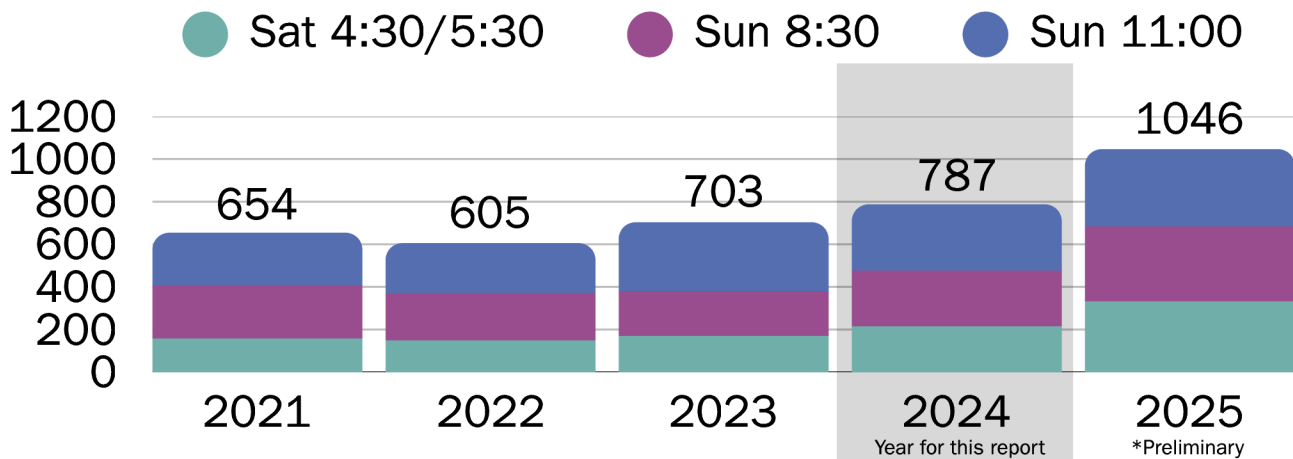
Adoration

We give thanks for a beautiful milestone this year - Resurrection now has a Perpetual Adoration Chapel! With **196 Adorers**, including five who serve multiple hours, our parish now offers prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every one of the **186 hours** each week!



Mass Attendance

Average Weekend Mass Attendance



Our parish proudly participated in the diocesan *One Family Fully Alive in Christ!* diocesan capital campaign, an extraordinary effort beyond our regular parish stewardship. Through generous pledges and active participation, parishioners have helped advance vital ministries, strengthen our schools, and ensure our Church remains a vibrant home of faith for generations to come.

\$1,219,632.13

Amount contributed to the campaign by our parish

Number of families that participated

237

Ministry Spotlights

Special Events

Our Special Events Ministry coordinates gatherings that bring our parish together.

They plan and organize events like the Parish Picnic, Christmas Dinner, potlucks, and more. This year's Parish Picnic was **record-setting** in attendance and volunteer involvement! An estimated **550** people attended!



Weekend Meals on Wheels



Our Meals on Wheels Ministry brings nourishment and care to those in need. This year, several new stewards joined this important ministry, helping our parish serve **4** weekends of meal deliveries. We had a **100% turnout** of everyone assigned, making each delivery a meaningful experience. Thank you to all who served, next year we may expand to **6** weekends! Every bit of your time makes a difference!

Music Ministry

How many people have roles to play in the music at Resurrection?

The answer is **1336**, or everyone!

All Parishioners, as a holy people of God, are called to the "full, conscious, and active participation" of the faithful demanded by the very nature of the Liturgy.

Congregational song is one of the primary ways we participate actively in the Liturgy.

Some are called to special roles as Ministers of Liturgical Music.

Here are some approximate numbers:

Adult Choir members: **27**

Children's Choir members: **32**

Cantors: **19**

Organists and other instrumentalists: **13**



St. Zelig's Mom's Group



This year, we were grateful to relaunch the St. Zelig's Mom's Group. It has been a joy to connect with longtime parishioner moms and to welcome new families as the parish continues to grow. From the very beginning, we have hosted a **weekly playdate** and have worked to create a welcoming space where moms can come together for friendship and support. We're not out of ideas yet —so come join us next week!

Meals for New Moms & Others

In the last year, we have provided **9** families with **3** meals each! There are **42** people signed up in the ministry to help provide meals! The Meals for New Moms ministry has often been a new parishioner's first interaction with our parish. They are always so grateful for the support for their families when they are adjusting to a new little one! Many people have never heard of a ministry like this one and are very excited to be able to be a part of it. Most decide to volunteer after their first experience as it is so helpful, and they are eager to pay it forward to help out another family!



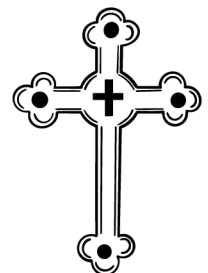
Food Pantry Delivery



Resurrection's Food Pantry Delivery Ministry helps feed those in need by transporting parish donations to St. Patrick's Parish **each week**. Volunteers sign up for two-week back-to-back delivery schedules, with **26 delivery spots available** annually. There is no limit to the number of parishioners who provide non-perishable items, allowing many people to contribute to this important ministry. Since 2009, this ministry has been a way for our parish to share God's love through generosity and service.

Bereavement Ministry

Our Bereavement Ministry provides compassionate support to families during times of loss. This last year, they served as liaisons for **16 funerals** of varying sizes with varying needs, helping coordinate Vigil Rosaries, Funeral Masses, music, readings, and logistics. They also collaborate with other ministries such as Funeral Meals and Vigil Receptions, manage memorial displays, and offer special seasonal services to remember the deceased. Their prayerful presence and dedicated service bring comfort and grace to grieving families in our parish community.



Grounds Beautification



Our Grounds Beautification Ministry keeps our campus beautiful and welcoming. About **25 parishioners** care for **12 named gardens** and several trees, spending an estimated 10–15 hours per week maintaining, planting, and improving our grounds. Some families or individuals tend their gardens weekly, while others work on projects every few weeks, and major projects may take half or full days.



This year, parishioners planted over **100 new plants and flowers**, both purchased and donated, including a variety of perennials that will bloom year after year. Major improvements included installing new drainage pipes, relocating the Fatima statues to a prominent new location, and placing stone sidewalk edging around the gardens. This ministry is welcoming to all skill levels. Their dedication ensures that every visitor encounters a vibrant, prayerful, and inviting parish environment!

Donut Deliveries for The Lord's Diner

This year, our Donut Delivery Ministry has made **53 trips** to The Lord's Diner, with each visit taking about an hour. Thanks to **22 dedicated volunteers, thousands of donuts** have been delivered to help feed those in need in our community. This simple act of service brings joy and sustenance to our neighbors while providing a meaningful way for many parishioners to get involved.



Altar Servers



Our **82 Altar Servers**, including **22 Master Servers**, faithfully assist Father Labenz at all Sunday and daily Masses. Their stewardship helps ensure the Liturgy is celebrated reverently and beautifully, and we are grateful for their dedication and commitment.

Young Adult Group (YAG)

The Resurrection Young Adult Group was formed from a desire to build a **thriving community of young adults** within the parish.

Open to parishioners ages 21–35, the group meets on the last Wednesday of each month for food, fellowship, and conversation, usually at the rectory with Fr. Labenz. New members join regularly, and they're always open to more! Their hope is that this ministry continues to grow to help create community within the parish.



Income Statement

How much money did we receive and spend?

Income	
Collections	\$2,086,334.34
Extraordinary	\$80,969.36
Endowments	\$2,074.48
Other	\$98,927.68
Total Income	\$2,266,231.3
Expenses	
Education	\$1,507,449.41
Extraordinary	\$71,727.16
Other	\$683,107.16
Total Expenses	\$2,262,333.73
Total Surplus for the Year	\$3,897.57

Balance Sheet

How much money do we have in our accounts?

Assets	
Liquid/Cash	\$811,564.08
Investments/Endowments	\$105,783.78
Reserved (Auction)	\$124,969.63
Total Other Assets	\$13,408.05
Total Assets	\$1,055,725.54
Liabilities	
Reserved Funds	\$117,668.88
Total Other Liabilities	\$38,697.42
Total Liabilities	\$156,366.30
Total Fund Balance	\$899,359.24

64% of parish households are tithing

“ Thank you to all of you who have generously tithed this past year! I invite every single family and parishioner to offer the first fruits of your treasure (10%) to God this coming year! - Fr. Labenz ”

Understanding Our Parish Finances

A Few Notes About the Table

- Funds raised through the parish Auction are set aside for specific purposes. Because these reserved funds are matched by a liability, they don't affect our parish's total fund balance (our overall "net worth").

Main Takeaway

- Thanks to the addition of the new Teacher Endowment Fund from the diocesan capital campaign, our parish fund balance increased this year. Without it, our net worth would have declined.

What This Means

- The rise in investments reflects the creation of the Teacher Endowment Fund, which will support our teachers in the years to come.
- The increase in Auction funds was balanced by a matching increase in the reserved liabilities for those funds.
- Our cash reserves (checking and savings) went down slightly this spring, as we used those funds to cover regular operating costs like payroll.