

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each day you and I are called to **embrace our faith**. Faith is not an abstract set of principles but a **personal encounter** with Jesus Christ. The theme of this year's annual appeal is "Embracing our Faith: Encountering Jesus." Faith is foremost an invitation to encounter Jesus. Pope Francis teaches that encountering Jesus means allowing him to embrace us: "whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, **waiting for us with open arms.**" ("The Joy of the Gospel," #3). I truly believe the most important appeal that I can make is to invite you to **embrace our faith** by **encountering Jesus each day**.

We **embrace** our faith and **encounter** Jesus in many ways in our parish. Our Liturgies, Faith Formation Programs, Bible Studies, St. Francis School, and St. Francis House offer different ways of encountering Jesus and embracing our faith by "doing it."

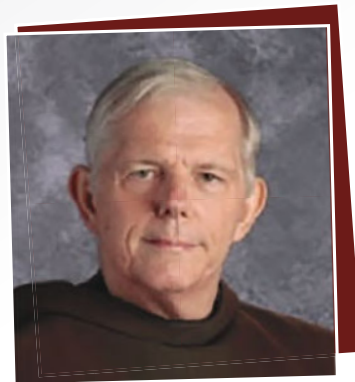
This year once again I am asking for your support. First, I ask for your prayers. Second, I ask you to become involved. There are many wonderful things happening in our parish, but we need **you**. We need Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, singers, etc. Let your light shine, don't hide it under a bushel basket!

I thank you for your faithful service and previous generous support of our parish community and the mission of our Church. I invite you to consider how you can renew your commitment to financially support our parish through our "Embracing our Faith: Encountering Jesus" program this year.

Gratefully,



Jim Scullion, ofm  
Pastor



## Embracing our Faith: *Encountering Jesus*

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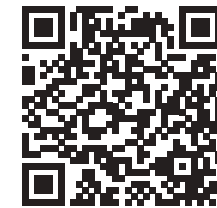


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## Know Him

Christ engaged people through stories, teachings, and parables and in the process challenged them to think about what they believed to be true about life, forgiveness, each other, God, and so much more.

- **RCIA** - Full initiation into the Catholic Church.
- **Faith Formation** - Learn to live as disciples of Jesus.
- **ChristLife** - Program to renew and deepen the love for Christ.
- **Vacation Bible School** - Summer program for children to continue to learn about Jesus.
- **Bible Study** - Deepen understanding of the Bible.

## Love Him

Christ's relationship with the Father was deeply rooted in prayer and from this relationship flowed His whole life and ministry.

- **Altar Servers** - Children in grade 3 and older assist with Mass.
- **Music Ministries** - Spread the word of God through worship and voice.
- **Lectors** - Proclaim God's Word for assigned liturgies.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Assist in the distribution of the Eucharist.
- **Sacristans** - Prepares and cares for the church and items needed for Mass.
- **Ushers** - Greet people and welcome them to the church.

## Serve Him

Christ renounced power and glory for a life of service - through his healings, miracles, comforting words, and heartfelt compassion, He served people and their deepest needs.

- **St. Francis House** - Serve the many needs of low-income families in Prince William County.
- **Sister Parish in Peru** - Provide full or partial scholarships for children in need of assistance.
- **Homebound Eucharistic Ministry** - Bring the Eucharist to our parish members who are unable to join.
- **Stephen Ministry** - Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.
- **Meals for Homeless** - Support the PWC shelter year-round with meals.
- **Prison Ministry** - Support prison youth and adults.

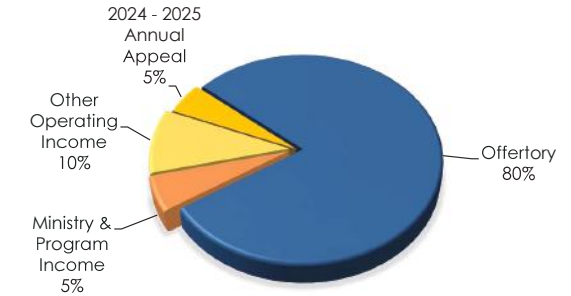


# Financial Snapshot: 2024-2025 Parish Budget

## Operating Income

Offertory	\$2,038,000.00
Ministry & Program Income	\$138,500.00
Other Operating Income	\$253,100.00
2024 - 2025 Annual Appeal	\$125,000.00

**Total** \$2,554,600.00



## Operating Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$1,120,330.00
General Operating Expenses	\$724,355.00
Ministry & Program Expenses	\$171,015.00
Parish Subsidy to School	\$362,000.00
Facilities Expenses	\$176,900.00

**Total** \$2,554,600.00

**Deficit without Annual Appeal** -\$125,000.00

