

Annual Report 2025-2026

CHURCH OF THE RISEN SAVIOR

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Our Doors Are Open to All
Our Eucharist is a Celebration of the Risen Savior
Our Call is to Love and Serve

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PAGE 2: A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:



My friends, peace and all good! As we enter Fall it is a great time to reflect on our parish, its achievements in the past year, and its future. This past year showed our capacity to handle new challenges and respond to the needs of those we are blessed to serve. The coming year promise more opportunities for us to make the light of Christ truly shine!

Our Annual Report is a vital part of this. This overview reflects the hard work and good stewardship of the committed people of our parish. Your weekly contributions continue to play a critical role in keeping the ministries and mission of Risen Savior alive and well. And your generosity allowed us to exceed our Lord Renew Your Church campaign by $500,000!

The Annual Report reflects why I am so hopeful for the future of this vibrant Community. This report demonstrates the gifts of our Parish Council, the Finance Council, the Staff, and our parishioners. This report requires diligence. It gives Risen Savior a framework to articulate in numbers our ongoing ministries.

I want to thank our staff and support staff for this detailed analysis that is so critical for this document and our future. Their work with members of the Finance Council helps to complete the picture as to where we are financially up through June 30, 2026.



Your extraordinary generosity has helped to make us a vibrant community. Our parish is growing in number and in reach. We are building bridges within our community. We continue to experience Christ's presence in the celebration of the sacraments, our growing youth and adult formation programs, and our continued outreach to those in need. Likewise, we embrace that we are one family. A family with great hope. A family that has mourned together losses in our local community and the world. and its share of bumps and bruises. A family that is empowered by Christ's love and called to evangelize.

As you read this Annual Report, please lift up in prayer the friends and family it represents. Thank you for your generosity, your passion for Risen Savior and its incredible future.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Matthew Malek, OFM Conv
Pastor, Church of the Risen Savior

PAGE 3: A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Financial Report:
Our parish ended fiscal year 2026 with a surplus of $285,712 which is up from $212,968 in fiscal year 2025. Overall revenue was $2.5 million out of which $1.7 million or 66% is from your Sunday plate offerings, electronic giving, donations via giving envelopes as well as IRA or annuity contributions. Ministries and programs revenue was $297,952 while non-operating revenue was $318,208. Our stock and money market investments yielded great results this fiscal year. Donor-restricted income, inclusive of the Building Fund, $138,514. We are truly amazed by everyone's generosity and love for our parish.

Total expense this fiscal year was $2.2 million out of which $1.7 million was for general operations. We have a pool of gifted and dedicated staff members who organize and implement ministries and programs that address the spiritual and liturgical needs of everyone. The cost of electricity, gas, maintenance repairs, lawncare, snow removal, and property insurance premiums continue to be significant. Ministries and programs expense was $295,010 as this fiscal year covered two youth mission trips – St. Louis, MO in July 2025 and Rapid City, SD in June 2026. We also provided much needed financial assistance to those who faced tough challenges earlier in 2026 that left them unable to meet their rental obligations. We certainly recognize the efforts of our staff and leaders to find effective ways to collaborate and be good stewards of the resources we have been entrusted.

Careful facility oversight helps ensure that we are positioned to preserve and improve our physical plant. Major project undertaken this fiscal year 2026 involved an upgrade of our video surveillance and door locking systems. We aim to provide safety and security for everyone who comes to our facility.

Between January to June 2026 our parish participated in the archdiocesan Lord Renew Your Church capital campaign and has successfully raised more than $2.5 million in pledged funds. Over the next five years as much as $1.6 million of those funds will come back to us for investment in improving our facilities and infrastructure. Priority projects will include a refresh of our commons area, a renewal of our chapel, and replacement of our projection screens. The initial success of this endeavor is attributable to the tireless efforts of our pastor, the campaign chairs, and many volunteers; but most importantly, your overwhelming support financially and through prayers.

The fiscal year 2027 budget was prepared with an anticipated operating loss of $195,000 equivalent to the noncash, uncontrollable depreciation expense. It has also been our practice to budget capital expenses equal to the amount of anticipated donations restricted towards the building fund resulting in a net $0 change in the general fund. We are hopeful that, as in the past, we will be able to exceed expectations.

Overall, the Church of the Risen Savior is in a good financial position. Liquidity-wise we have over $400,000 in bank accounts, $1.6 million in money market, and over $1.0 million in stock investments. All of these are through your generous support for which we are truly grateful. We are hopeful that our financial position and resourcefulness will continue to help us with our mission of spreading the Good News to all.

Thank you and may God bless us all!

Sherwin Pasillos
Parish Administrator

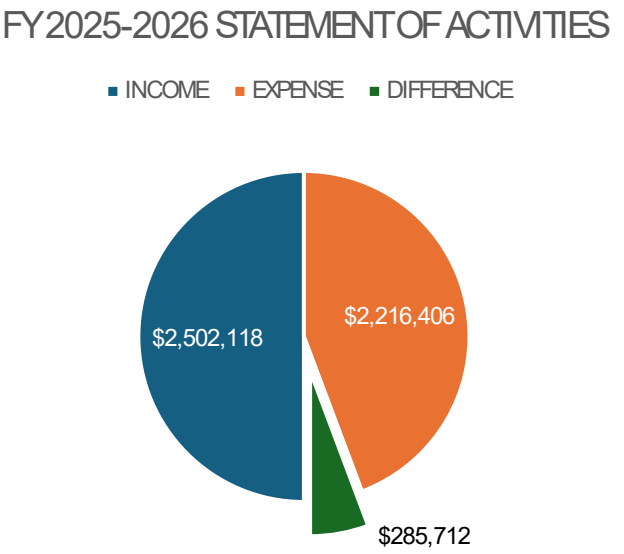
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

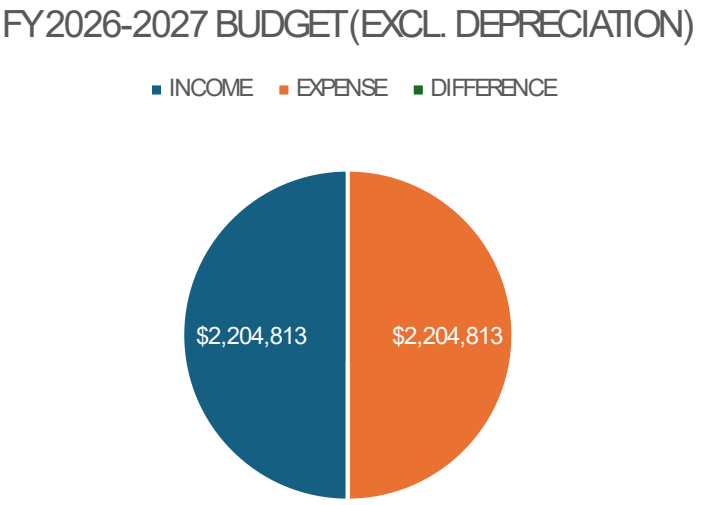
INCOME	2026	2025	2027 BUDGET
General operations:			
Contributions	$ 1,661,229	$ 1,616,314	$ 1,632,500
Other operating income	86,215	70,646	45,400
Sub-total	1,747,444	1,686,960	1,677,900
Ministries and programs:			
Liturgy and worship	11,527	14,487	13,100
Pastoral care	20,270	16,455	18,900
Sacramental preparation	21,814	24,801	26,875
Youth faith formation	9,437	10,262	8,788
Youth ministry, group activities & others	77,862	47,591	49,800
Latino ministry	15,529	14,153	16,000
Adult faith formation	14,481	18,808	14,800
Social justice and outreach	120,369	80,866	77,250
Festivals	6,663	4,707	5,160
Sub-total	297,952	232,130	230,673
Non-operating activities:			
Other rent/lease	60,640	61,816	60,440
Investment income	256,368	155,002	126,000
Insurance proceeds reimbursement	1,200	17,253	-
Sub-total	318,208	234,071	186,440
Additional income from donations:			
Donor-restricted income	138,514	112,088	109,800
TOTAL INCOME	$ 2,502,118	$ 2,265,249	$ 2,204,813

PAGE 5: STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES: *EXPENSES*

EXPENSE	2026	2025	2027 BUDGET
General operations:			
Archdiocesan assessment	$ 182,080	$ 174,963	$ 189,864
Office expenses	150,677	141,721	168,349
Personnel expenses	971,897	958,696	1,023,134
Clergy expenses	188,643	185,468	198,870
Facilities and grounds	240,908	208,633	375,246
Sub-total	1,734,205	1,669,481	1,955,463
Ministries and programs:			
Liturgy and w orship	33,676	40,502	38,425
Pastoral care	10,227	9,791	12,620
Sacramental preparation	14,791	16,293	18,300
Youth faith formation	7,827	12,301	10,250
Youth ministry, group activities & others	102,389	46,979	68,675
Latino ministry	6,655	7,846	8,000
Adult faith formation	12,533	18,230	12,050
Social justice and outreach	95,338	30,021	63,770
Festivals	11,574	10,053	13,460
Sub-total	295,010	192,016	245,550
Non-operating activities:			
Investment administrative fee	3,163	2,508	3,800
Non-cash expense:			
Depreciation	184,028	188,276	195,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	$ 2,216,406	$ 2,052,281	$ 2,399,813
INCOME - EXPENSE	$ 285,712	$ 212,968	$ (195,000)

PAGE 6: STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES: *VISUALS*





STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30

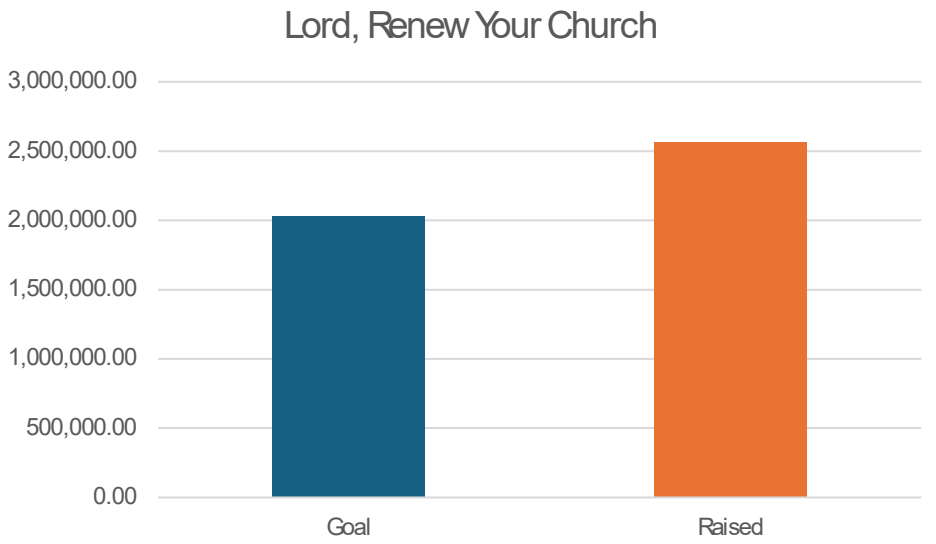
	2026	2025
Assets		
Checking accounts	$ 60,831	$ 143,413
Savings accounts	425,577	318,583
Certificate of deposit	-	250,000
Investments	2,629,783	2,056,578
Other assets	20,156	44,402
Land, building and equipment, net	2,087,881	2,232,816
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 5,224,228	$ 5,045,792
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 47,394	$ 151,541
Pass-through collections	26,096	13,810
Deferred income & miscellaneous	20,312	35,727
Sub-total	93,802	201,078
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	4,489,547	4,343,502
Temporarily restricted	640,879	501,212
Sub-total	5,130,426	4,844,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	$ 5,224,228	$ 5,045,792

PAGE 8: LORD, RENEW YOUR CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As of : October 20, 2026	**Pledge**				**Expected Parish Share**
Committed	1,919,933.69		60%		1,151,960.21
Gifts Received	647,441.31		60%		388,464.79
Total Raised	2,567,375.00				
Goal	2,030,000.00				
%	126%				
60% Parish Share	1,540,425.00				1,540,425.00

RECEIVED TO DATE

Cash Received by Parish to-date (for Gifts Received Dec 25-Jun 26)	Cash Expected in Q4-2026 (for Gifts Received Jul-Sep 2026)	Cash Expected in Q1-2027 (for Gifts Received Oct 01-20, 2026)	Total
270,116.31	101,586.28	16,762.20	388,464.79



PAGE 9: STATISTICS

Mass Counts (Average)					
	Saturday (4pm/5pm)	Saturday (6pm)	Sunday (9am)	Sunday (11am)	Sunday (1pm)
October, 2024	249	n/a	419	223	1016
October, 2025	331	252	425	272	1038

Source: Annual Parish Surveys

Sacraments					
	Baptism	First Communion	Confirmation	Matrimony	Annointing of the Sick
FY 2024-2025	88	137	46	14	300
FY 2025-2026	141	142	85	7	400

Source: Annual Reports

Faith Formation						
	PRE-K	GR 1-4	GR 5-8	GR 9-11	GR 12	OCIA
FY 2024-2025	6	60	48	88	46	35
FY 2025-2026	6	45	52	79	85	32

Source: Annual Reports

Youth Ministry					
	VBS	Sanctuary	Extreme Faith Camp	Mission Trip	NCYC
FY 2024-2025	23	30	14	25	n/a
FY 2025-2026	29	35	18	49	18

Source: Annual Reports

Other Statistics				
	#Reg. Households	New Registrations	Funerals	Quinceaneras
FY 2024-2025	3027	328	40	14
FY 2025-2026	2994	327	42	11

Sources: Annual Parish Surveys, Annual Reports, ParishSoft Family Suite

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Liturgy:
- Scheduled over 4,100 data points, including liturgy/music content selection and staffing using our Staffing and Selection Matrix.
- Coordinated over 5,000 person-hours of volunteers in support of our liturgies.
- Supported over 350 Liturgies and Services throughout the year.

Music:
- Music Ministers provided ministry for over 350 Liturgies and Services in English and Spanish.
- Successfully integrated Latino and Anglo Music Ministries for the *Triduum* liturgies and the *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Mass in December.
- Presented *Jesus Christ Superstar in Concert* for the second consecutive year on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.
    - Built upon the success of the first-year production while maintaining its energy and character, with the cast performing off-book this year.
    - Welcomed more than 1,700 attendees over the two performances.
    - Raised more than $11,000 in free-will donations.







DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *TECHNOLOGY*

Technology:
- Continued project management and RFP development for the LED Video Wall & A/V Connectivity Upgrade.
- Developed specifications and RFP for the Listen Technologies Auri Hearing Assist System.
- Provided extensive audio, video and technical production support for *Jesus Christ Superstar in Concert*.

RS Media / YouTube:
- Produced/posted/streamed 116 videos.
- Generated 34,549 views.
- Generated over 7,500 hours of watch time.
- Added 361 subscribers, bringing the channel to approximately 1,874 subscribers.
- TOP 5 VIDEOS – July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026:
    1. Funeral for Daniel Isaac Aguilar (7/18/25)— 1,921 views
    2. Fr. Matthew Malek January 11 Homily (excerpt) (1/11/26) — 1,430 views
    3. *Shelter Me* – Michael Joncas (4/22/20)— 1,218 views (51,000 total)
    4. January 11, 2026 Livestream — 915 views
    5. Via Crucis / Stations of the Cross (3/21/20)— 650 views (6500 total)

PAGE 11: DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *COMMUNICATION*

- Our parish is committed to connecting with and informing the community through a thoughtful mix of electronic communication channels. Engaging content shared through RS Media, email newsletters, Flocknote, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and the electronic sign on Co. Rd. 42 helps us reach people in ways that are convenient and accessible to them. Together, these platforms allow us to share timely announcements, highlight parish life, promote programs and events, and strengthen connections across our community. By making information available through multiple channels, we support a more informed and engaged parish.
- Since its launch on October 12, 2023, the updated Risen Savior website has served as a dynamic hub for parish information and engagement. We regularly review and refresh its content to reflect the changing needs of our community, adding pages as programs and opportunities develop. The website makes it easy to find information and complete online sign-ups for programs and classes, while also providing a secure way to make donations. Through ongoing improvements, we are committed to offering a relevant, welcoming, and user-friendly online experience that supports communication and participation throughout the Risen Savior community.
- The printed Risen Savior bulletin remains an important complement to the parish's electronic communications. Published weekly, it brings parishioners timely information in a familiar and convenient format. Its pages include scripture reflections, details about programs, classes, and upcoming events, the Risen Savior calendar, and other parish news. By gathering these updates in one place, the bulletin helps readers stay informed about opportunities for worship, learning, service, and community life. It continues to be a valued resource for sharing information and nurturing connection among parishioners.
- In addition to the weekly bulletin and digital communications, Risen Savior now sends invitation postcards to all parishioners for Christmas and Easter. These seasonal mailings share Mass times and parish contact information, helping ensure families have the details they need to plan their celebrations and stay connected. By extending a warm invitation directly to parishioners' homes, the postcards offer another thoughtful way to welcome the community to worship and celebrate together.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *SAFE ENVIRONMENT*

Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS)

The Archdiocese and Risen Savior Parish are committed to fostering a safe and welcoming environment for all. We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults and supporting the well-being of our entire community. Employees and volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults, as well as those serving in leadership positions, are required to complete VIRTUS, a comprehensive online credentialing program.

We are pleased to report that 125 volunteers and 22 employees have completed VIRTUS. The Spring 2026 Audit Report confirms that Risen Savior is in full compliance with Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment protocols. We continue to monitor compliance and uphold these standards throughout the year.

Visit our Safe Environment page for detailed information, links to Archdiocesan resources, and additional guidance. You may also scan the QR code to go directly to the Risen Savior Safe Environment page.

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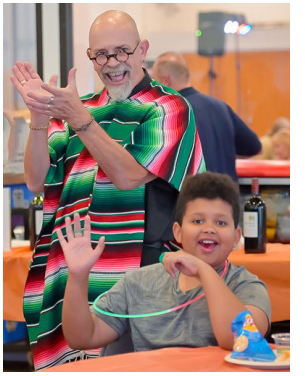
- The Community Sharing Commission plans, organizes, and executes community life events at Risen Savior. The purpose of the Community Sharing Commission is to *Enhance the Church Experience: Invite - Welcome - Encourage - Support.*
- On July 26/27, 2025, parishioners of the Church of the Risen Savior warmly welcomed Fr. Edwin Ngah, who began serving as Parochial Vicar on July 1. Originally from Cameroon, Fr. Edwin is a member of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) and speaks English, Spanish, French, and Italian. The welcome took place at every weekend Mass, followed by receptions where parishioners had the opportunity to meet Fr. Edwin and extend a personal greeting. Many took part, sharing in a joyful beginning to his ministry among us.
- The *Risen Savior's Fall Fest* on September 21, 2025, brought together approximately 450 people for an afternoon and evening of fellowship, food, and fun. Children enjoyed a variety of games and attractions, including piñatas, a giant slide, and a glitter tattoo booth. Guests also joined a lively Bingo game led by the *Knights of Columbus* and played Lotería, the traditional Spanish-language game similar to Bingo. A Mariachi band added festive energy to the celebration, while *Sweet Keys Dueling Pianos* provided another memorable highlight. The *Bloomington Knights of Columbus* served beer and wine; the *Risen Savior Knights of Columbus* grilled hot dogs and brats; and the *Latino Knights of Columbus* prepared delicious tacos. A selection of tempting desserts rounded out the menu, making the food a treat for guests of all ages.
- A sub-committee of the Community Sharing Commission organized the *Spring Tea* on April 25, 2026, which brought 107 women together for a lively afternoon of tea, delectable treats, and wonderful company. The incredible *Klondike Kates* delighted guests with spirited entertainment, filling the event with laughter, energy, and plenty of fun. Their performance made the afternoon especially memorable, while 11 gracious butlers provided outstanding service throughout. From the first cup of tea to the final applause, the *Spring Tea* was a joyful celebration enjoyed by all.
- The *Risen Savior's Frozen Palooza* turned a winter evening on January 31, 2026, into a celebration, welcoming approximately 160 guests for a night of fellowship, food, and dancing. A lively DJ couple kept the floor hopping with English and Latin favorites—from the *Macarena* and *Electric Slide* to the *Hokey Pokey* and *Limbo*. Guests warmed up with custom hot chocolate, tasty snacks, *Frost Bites*, and éclairs, while the *Bloomington Knights of Columbus* hosted a wine and beer cash bar. It was a joyful midwinter gathering that brought our community together and sent the winter blues packing!
- As a proud member of *Seniors Learning Together, Inc. (SALT)*, *Church of the Risen Savior* joins an interfaith community that creates enriching learning opportunities for adults over 55. Hosted at *Grace Lutheran Church* in Apple Valley, *SALT* offers four consecutive Monday sessions each spring and fall, featuring excellent speakers and a diverse range of engaging topics. Attendance continues to grow, with 571 participants in fall 2025 and 638 in spring 2026. These programs inspire curiosity, broaden knowledge, and bring people together through shared discovery.
- On Friday, May 8, 2026, *Risen Savior* held a kickoff event for *Our Many Marys*, a month-long display featuring devotional statues, icons, portraits, and other treasured representations of Mary contributed by parishioners. Centered around the image of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, the exhibit invited reflection on Mary's significance across the community. The kickoff included parishioner testimonials and welcomed approximately 75 attendees.
- Under Kevin Rotty's direction, the *Risen Savior Music Ministry* presented two public performances of *Jesus Christ Superstar* during *Holy Week* 2026, drawing approximately 1,700 attendees. The cast's powerful music and storytelling enriched the season's observance. *Community Sharing Commission* members supported the productions by coordinating public relations and providing intermission refreshments, helping create a welcoming experience for the community.

PAGE 13: GLIMPSES OF FUN: COMMUNITY LIFE IN PICTURES











PAGE 14: DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *FAITH FORMATION*

Adults:

Throughout the year, we offer adults meaningful opportunities to grow in faith. Our longer programs take place in fall and Lent, complemented by seasonal speakers, retreats, and book studies. Topics vary, often connecting with important moments in the life of the Church. Recent offerings have explored Pope Francis's writings on hope for the Jubilee Year, the *Nicene Creed* in honor of the *Council of Nicaea's* anniversary, and the *Gospel of Matthew* with Dr. Micah Kiel of *St. John's School of Theology/Seminary*. During Lent, participants also engaged in a creative Bible study centered on *Handel's Messiah*. Together, these programs welcomed an average of 20–30 participants throughout the year.

Alongside our formation opportunities, we hosted a meaningful bilingual Lenten retreat through our monthly *Women's Coffee and Enrichment* series. Anglo and Latina women gathered to share their stories and pray together, creating a new sense of connection across our parish community. The retreat reflected the dedication of the women leaders who have sustained this series over the years. Each monthly gathering welcomed 30–50 women, and we look forward to creating more opportunities for fellowship, prayer, and growth.

We continue to foster faith and community through *Synod Small Groups*, *Catholic Watchmen*, and *OCIA*. This year, nine adults joined the *Catholic Church* through *OCIA*, formerly *RCIA*. Our small groups bring together six to eight participants regularly, and bilingual training in English and Spanish helped prepare additional volunteer leaders to support this ministry.

General / All Ages:

Our *Advent Birthday Bags* service project was a great success in 2026. Volunteers assembled 168 birthday bags for *360 Communities*, helping provide birthday gifts to children in need. Families visiting *360 Communities* food shelves can receive a bag when they have a child celebrating a birthday around the time of their visit.

During Lent, we partnered with the *Apple Valley Knights of Columbus* for our annual *Lenten Food Drive*. Each week, we collected specific items requested by the *360 Communities* food pantry. Together, we gathered 5,316 pounds of food, more than 1,300 pounds above the amount collected during the same period in previous years.

Baptisms:

There were 116 Baptisms of children outside of *Faith Formation* age.

Elementary Formation / First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:

- 6 students participated in the *Preschool* and *Kindergarten* program.
- 45 students (grades 1-4) and their parents participated in the *G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together)* program.
- 9 children (grades 2-12) were baptized in the English program.
- 16 children (grades 2-12) were baptized in the Spanish program.
- 48 children (grades 2-12) celebrated *First Reconciliation* and *First Eucharist* program in English.
- 94 children (grades 2-12) celebrated *First Reconciliation* and *First Eucharist* program in Spanish.
- In July 2025, 29 students hit the road for *"Road Trip VBS,"* a week of faith, fun, and discovery. Through Bible stories, music, art, games, and time outdoors, they explored how God is with them wherever they go. A mission project inspired them to put their faith into action.

PAGE 15: DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *FAITH FORMATION, continued*

Secondary Formation (Middle & High School):

- 52 students (grades 5-8) enrolled in Middle School *Faith Formation* in English.
- 40 students (grades 9-11) enrolled in *Confirmation 1* program in English.
- 39 students (grades 9-11) enrolled in *Confirmation 1* program in Spanish.
- 38 students completed the *Confirmation 2* program in English.
- 47 students completed the *Confirmation 2* program in Spanish.
- The *Sacrament of Confirmation* was celebrated at the *Cathedral in St. Paul* with Archbishop Bernard Hebda presiding.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

- In September there was one adult who made their *Profession of Faith, First Communion* and *Confirmation*.
- At the *Easter Vigil* 8 adults were baptized, 21 adults received *First Eucharist*, and 31 Adults received *Confirmation*.

Youth Ministry:

- In July 2025, 14 youth and 4 adults attended *Extreme Faith Camp*, where students in grades 5–12 deepened their Catholic faith and relationship with God. *Daily Mass, Reconciliation*, talks, small groups, *Eucharistic Adoration*, and *Lectio Divina* helped campers grow as disciples of Christ. They also enjoyed classic camp adventures, from ziplining and rock climbing to swimming, canoeing, archery tag, and hiking.
- *Sanctuary*, our high school youth group, continues to grow. We average 30-35 youths each week. Our weekly meetings consist of a teaching session, small group discussion, a fun game, and prayer.
- In November 2025, 15 youth and 3 adults attended the *National Catholic Youth Conference* in Indianapolis. Students heard inspiring keynote speakers, joined faith-building workshops, and celebrated Mass and Adoration alongside more than 12,000 young Catholics, 60 bishops, and 300 priests. A live video conference with Pope Leo XIV, featuring questions about faith and technology, was a highlight.
- Youth Ministry hosted three *Confirmation* retreats this year. *Year 1 Confirmation* had its retreat in February with about 70 youth attending. 21 missed due to the ongoing ICE surge at the time. They will make it up next year. This retreat focuses on why we should be Catholic and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Strong registration led to two *Year 2 Confirmation* retreats, welcoming 46 youth in December and 21 in January. January's ICE surge and illness kept 18 youth away and limited adult support. Despite these challenges, both retreats offered meaningful exploration of faith, the Holy Spirit, and active Church involvement. Eight youth and 12 adults helped with one or both retreats.
- In July 2025, 17 youth and 7 adults traveled to *St. Louis, Missouri,* for a week of service. They supported young people at a church and *Boys Club*, packed food boxes, sorted thrift-store donations, tended gardens, and helped with cleaning. Through serving together, they strengthened their friendships and deepened their relationship with God.
- In June 2026, 19 youth and 6 adults traveled to *Rapid City, South Dakota,* for *Mission Trip*. They served at thrift stores, packed food boxes, spent time with adults with special needs, helped at a horse sanctuary, and completed cleaning and yard work at a historic Norwegian church. Moving the trip to June gave staff attending both *Mission Trip* and *Extreme Faith Camp* more time between events.
- Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the *Wall of Giving, National Catholic Youth Conference Appeal,* and May *Flower Sale* were great successes. Together with scholarships from *Youthworks*, the *Apple Valley Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Community Foundation*, and the *Nate Woodford Scholarship*, these gifts covered all NCYC expenses and helped fund our mission trips and *Extreme Faith Camp*. We are deeply grateful for *Risen Savior's* support of our youth!

PAGE 16: FAITH IN FOCUS - A PICTURE PERFECT JOURNEY











PAGE 17: DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *SOCIAL JUSTICE*

Outreach Ministries:
Risen Savior serves parish and community through charity and justice. Parishioners join prayer opportunities: *Stations of the Cross* with *Anti-Human Trafficking* efforts or a creation-inspired rosary with *Environmental Concerns*. Volunteers fight hunger through *Every Meal, Meals on Wheels, Loaves & Fishes,* and *Dakota Woodlands*. The committee secured grant-funded dishwashing equipment and reusable dinnerware, offered educational displays and speakers, and tended gardens and planters; maintenance staff kept grounds looking beautiful throughout spring and summer.

The *Social Justice Commission's Winter Gear Drive* collected and distributed essential warm clothing through *Dakota County Social Services, Dakota Woodlands, Ally Supportive Services*, and to unhoused neighbors. The *Respect Life Committee* gathered donations for *Pregnancy Choices*, including diapers for local young families, and hosted *Mimosas for Moms* in May and *Donuts for Dads* in June.
The *Sister Parish Committee* remains in contact with *St. Rose of Lima Parish* in *Gris Gris, Haiti.* After 13 years of service, Father Fayant Cezeau was succeeded by Father Isaac Luckner Pierre in December. Despite Haiti's severe humanitarian crisis, marked by gang violence, political instability, and economic hardship, we remain committed to supporting the parish. Our primary focus is funding the school and providing students with one nutritious meal each day.

Here is a fraction of what our parishioners have done in the past year through our various social justice initiatives:

- Raised over $11,400 for *Pregnancy Choices* in October through their *Baby Bottle Campaign*.
- Sent 25 birthday cards each month to inmates through our *Prison Ministry*.
- Hosted a panel discussion on homelessness, with 45 people attending, to hear of the lived experiences of those who have gone without housing.
- In July 2025, more than 40 parishioners supported a three-day *Habitat for Humanity* build for a new single-family home in South St. Paul, providing on-site help, meals, snacks, and drinks. Completed by fall, the home welcomed a family by January 2026.
- We also donated $4,500 to *Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity*, donated $10,000 to *Dakota Woodlands,* and served lunch to 25-30 people once a month at the shelter.
- Donated $16,800 to *360 Communities* and delivered a record amount of 21,776 pounds of nonperishable food to *360 Communities* with the help of the *Risen Savior Knights of Columbus* through our *Food on the First* program.
- Donated $3,000 to *Community Cares Inc.,* $1,800 to *Loaves & Fishes*, and $1,500 to *Every Meal*.
- We planted and secured a new burr oak near the other recently planted trees by our parish sign on *Southcross Drive*.
- Hosted a shoe-recycling effort to keep shoes out of landfills. A total of 20 bags were sent to both *Got Sneakers*, who will recycle or resell gently used shoes, and the *Apple Valley School Shoe Collection*.
- Donated $10,300 from our *Anti-Human Trafficking* jewelry fundraiser to support 5 different local agencies (*A.C.T. United, Breaking Free, Brittany's Place, House of Hope,* and *Cherish All Children)*, including making 100 *Blessing Boxes* with needed supplies for residents at *Brittany's Place* in St. Paul.
- Raised over $40,000 for sister parish, *St. Rose of Lima*, and sent more than $44,000 for school operations, including teacher salaries and lunches for 481 students, summer camp for 100 children, leader training, and essential parish repairs.

These efforts and more happen because of the tremendous generosity of the parishioners of this parish.

PAGE 18: SOCIAL JUSTICE IN SNAP SHOTS











PAGE 19: DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *PASTORAL CARE*

Funerals & Grief Ministry:

- Grief is a painful process no matter what the circumstances. Here at Risen Savior, we have an active grief ministry that does follow-up calls and mailings monthly. It provides accompaniment and support to people dealing with the death of a family member or a friend.
- There were 42 funerals since July 2025. A dedicated group of volunteers, comprised of 4 funeral luncheon teams, served 37 luncheons.
- Risen Savior remains part of the *Growing Through Loss Coalition*, supporting people experiencing bereavement and life transitions, including job, health, relationship, and midlife changes. Small group and individual support provide a confidential space to share memories and feelings. The Fall 2025 series met at *Peace Church* in Eagan; the Spring 2026 series met at *St. Michael's Catholic Church* in Farmington.

Support & BeFriender Ministries:

- Risen Savior is blessed to have a supportive community that helps widows rebuild their lives after the painful loss of their life partners. The *Widow's Connection* meets monthly, every second Wednesday, with approximately 25 women attending.
- *BeFriender* ministry offers compassionate, nonjudgmental listening to people facing difficult or transitional circumstances, helping them find their own way forward without advice. Risen Savior has 7 active ministers who meet monthly on the second Monday, September through June, and host the annual *All Souls Evening Prayer of Remembrance*.
- The spiritual needs of those who are home-bound are met through:
    - Mass celebrations every month at the following facilities: *Ecumen* – every second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., *Havenwood* – every third Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., *Villa* – every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
    - Word/Communion services at *Villa Assisted Living*, A*ugustana Care Center, Havenwood Senior Living,* and *Ecumen*. We currently have 14 lay presiders ministering monthly to the residents of these facilities.
    - Holy Communion: To the patients at *Ridges Hospital* once a week, we currently have 5 Communion ministers. To the homebound and people unable to come to church, we currently have 7 Eucharistic ministers. *BeFrienders* also bring Communion to their *BeFriendees*. Some of our parishioners bring the Eucharist to their family members.
    - Online prayer requests through our email prayer line. Anyone is welcome to submit requests by calling or visiting our office. Our prayer ministers are very dedicated to this ministry.
- We address immediate basic needs by distributing food and gas cards to people seeking assistance at our office. This fiscal year, we provided 26 food cards and 24 gas cards, while maintaining communication with *360 Communities* and referring people for support.
- *Prayer Shawl* creators and *Peacemakers* offered comfort through shawls and quilts to people experiencing surgery, loss, or joy, and supported *Ridges Hospital's Spiritual Care* department and *Breaking Free* graduates. Rising material costs and fewer volunteers have led to the *Peacemakers'* retirement, though baptismal squares will continue.
- Chris Sorensen, Pastoral Care Minister, took part in the *Lilly Endowment* sessions at *St. Catherine's University.* A grant from the endowment has been used to assist in bridging our English and Spanish speaking communities.
- We are grateful to our parishioners for making this ministry possible. Please continue to support us with your prayers, encourage others to serve, and pray for strength for our dedicated team.

PAGE 20: DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS: *LATINO MINISTRY*

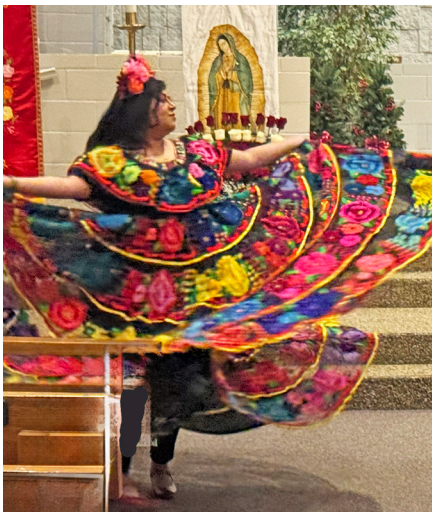
Our *Latino Ministry* continues to flourish. It brings forth a vibrant and faith-filled presence into our *Risen Savior* community, enriching our parish life through liturgy, formation, cultural traditions, and community outreach. This year was a year of great blessings, with growing participation, compassionate outreach, and deeper integration into our parish spiritual and communal life.

- We have 850 Hispanic families registered here at *Risen Savior*.
    - Average attendance each Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Mass is 850 to 950 people.
    - Average attendance each Saturday, 6:00 p.m. Mass is 150 people. This Mass was started only in March 2025 to provide an opportunity to those who are unable to participate in our Sunday Spanish liturgy. We are happy that more people are now attending, and we are excited to see it grow more over the next few years.
- ***Baptisms:*** 89 children were baptized.
- ***Marriages:*** 5 Hispanic couples received the sacrament of matrimony.
    - The *Hispanic Marriage Retreat*, organized by the *Archdiocese* on May 15/16, 2026, was a success. Three couples from *Risen Savior* attended.
    - Two masses for *Renewal of Marriage Vows* were celebrated.
- ***OCIA/RCIA:*** Thanks to the collaboration of a dedicated team of catechists, Carmen Marin and Ben Caduff have been able to work together to provide catechesis in both English and Spanish to adults, helping them receive the sacraments and welcoming them into our Catholic faith; many of them are now serving in various ministries. At the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026, 5 adults were baptized and received the *Sacraments of Initiation*; 14 adults received *First Communion*, 23 received *Confirmation*, and 11 children in the *CIC* program received *Baptism* and *First Communion*.
- ***Adult Religious Education:*** Fr. Edwin Ngah offered classes on two Tuesdays per month. Attendance was approximately 45 people per class.
- ***Eucharistic Adoration:*** Every Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with an hour of prayer from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fr. Matthew and Fr. Edwin alternately lead this prayer for the entire community. Approximately 75 people attend on Fridays. In addition, on the first Friday of each month, Mass is celebrated at 7:00 p.m.
- ***Holy Week:*** The Latino community prepared and decorated the *Altar of Repose*, offering a reverent space for prayer and adoration.
- **Dia de los Muertos:** This is a cultural and spiritual highlight in the Latino community. A moving *Ofrenda* was set up in the church to honor the souls of deceased loved ones.
- ***Quinceañera:*** Another cultural and spiritual highlight in the Latino community. This is a traditional celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday that marks her transition from childhood to womanhood. A total of 11 *Quinceañera* Masses were celebrated this year.
- ***Annual Health Fair:***
    - Mammograms: On Saturday, October 18, 2025, the *Minnesota Department of Health, St. Mary's Clinic*, and *SAGE* offered free breast cancer screening mammograms at Risen Savior; 43 women were able to receive the screening.
    - During the *Health Fair* on October 19, 2025, vaccinations were administered. The event was again a remarkable success: Approximately 175 people were served; 144 people received flu shots; 70 people had blood pressure screenings; 75 people had blood glucose screenings; 53 people had applications for dental varnish and received dental education, resources, as well as dental kits; 6 people received child development education and materials.

Annual Health Fair continued:

- 20 people received COVID tests; 60 people received COVID prevention and Long COVID information.
- There were 8 agencies in attendance: *MH Fairview, U of M School of Dental Hygiene, COPAL, Neighborhood Health Source, Restoration for All, Raices Sagrada's*, and *St. Mary's Health Clinics.* We are incredibly grateful to all the volunteers and partner organizations who contributed their time and services.

- ***Community Support:*** In December 2025, the Latino community faced a tricky situation due to the presence of ICE and the detention of members of the immigrant community; consequently, Mass attendance dropped significantly, though a good number of families continued to attend. The Latino community deeply appreciates the support regarding safety provided by our pastor, administrator, and other staff members. While we did lose families, numbers have fortunately since increased.
- ***Resources:*** Through your generosity, and a grant from the *Catholic Community Foundation*, we were likewise able to give rental assistance to those whose livelihood was impacted by this situation. Over $30,000 in monetary assistance was provided along with countless non-perishable food items in partnership with *360 Communities.* The profound effect of everyone's generosity during this challenging time was immeasurable.
- ***Community Events:*** The *Latino Committee* and *Latino Knights of Columbus* took part in preparing and serving tacos at our fall festival. It was an excellent event for community integration and fellowship.
- ***Cursillo:*** Risen Savior hosted two *Cursillo* weekends for the Latino community. The men's retreat was held from November 7-9, 2025, while the women's retreat was held from November 14-16, 2025.
- ***Pascua Guadalupana:*** The *Guadalupe Committee* made 46 visits to Latino families' homes with the image of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, praying the Rosary and sharing pan dulce and hot chocolate. This event is known as *Pascua Guadalupana* and is a form of evangelization that allows us to attract more people to our parish.
- ***Guadalupe Mass and Festival:*** On December 12, 2025, the festival honoring *Our Lady of Guadalupe* was a success, even though attendance numbers dropped due to the ICE situation; nevertheless, we enjoyed a wonderful Mass, Mariachi music, and a delicious dinner, and more people from from the English speaking community attended. Approximately 700 people took part in the celebration.





PAGE 22: CELEBRATING LATINO MINISTRY THROUGH IMAGES

















THEREFORE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER
AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU,
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

ROMANS 15:7