Dear Parishioners,

As I reflect on this past year at St. Alphonsus, I am grateful for the faith and care that sustain our parish. We have experienced both meaningful progress and difficult challenges. Through it all, our calling as a Redemptorist community remains clear: to proclaim Christ's abundant redemption, welcome the stranger, and accompany those most in need.

This calling became especially urgent during the winter and spring, when heightened immigration enforcement brought fear into the lives of many parish families. Parishioners stayed home from Mass out of concern for themselves and their loved ones, regardless of immigration status. Their absence was deeply felt. We took steps to protect those gathering at church, and volunteers organized a food drive and delivered donations directly to affected households. I am thankful to everyone who helped our neighbors experience the care of their parish during that difficult time.

The disruption also affected collections and added to our financial challenges. As the accompanying financial report shows, expenses exceeded income by approximately $141,000 for the fiscal year. We must continue to manage our resources carefully and speak openly about our needs. Parish life has since largely returned to normal, and we are on track so far in the new fiscal year that began July 1. Your continued generosity remains essential to our mission.

There is also much to give thanks for. We completed our Pathfinders planning effort, bringing prayer, listening, and careful reflection to the future of our parish. That work helped us recognize opportunities to deepen faith formation, strengthen relationships across cultures, and use our resources wisely.

We hired a Youth Ministry Director and established a youth ministry, while one of our priests began leading a new young adult ministry. Our next step is developing a family ministry that helps parents and children grow together in faith. New welcome materials, centralized information kiosks, and expanded website assistance are also helping people connect with parish life.

Our partnership with Eagle Ridge Academy has brought new life to the former school space. Under a five-year lease, the school welcomed approximately 100 children in kindergarten through second grade, with additional grades planned each year. After substantial first-year legal and brokerage expenses, the lease will now provide ongoing income to support the parish. We have paused discussions about further development or sale of parish property.

As we look ahead, I invite each of you to help shape our shared future: grow in faith within your family, build a relationship with someone from another culture, and find a way to participate more fully in parish life. These everyday commitments strengthen the bonds that make us one community in Christ.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, service, and trust. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we continue to make St. Alphonsus a place of faith, hope, and belonging for all.

With gratitude and prayer,

Rev. John Schmidt, C.Ss.R.

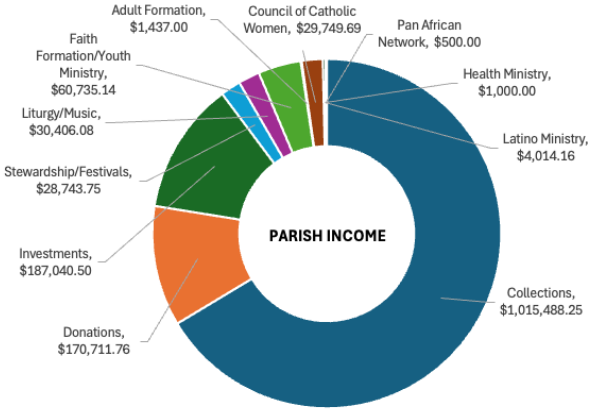
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Parish Financial Recap

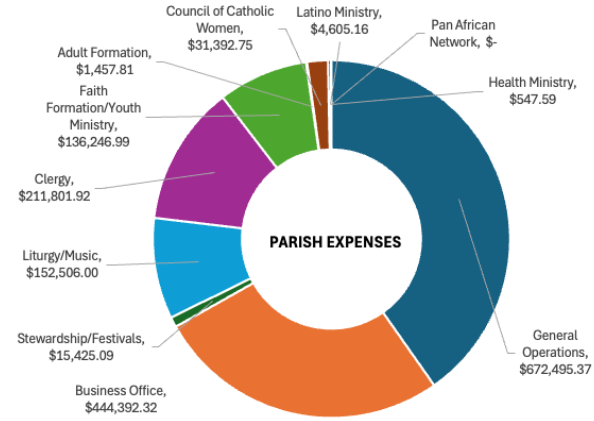
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

(Fiscal Year 2026)

Statement of Activities	FY 2026	Budget
Parish Income		
Collections	$ 1,015,488.25	$ 1,166,489.04
Donations	$ 170,711.76	$ 68,892.00
Investments	$ 187,040.50	$ 38,413.00
Stewardship/Festivals	$ 28,743.75	$ 22,609.50
Liturgy/Music	$ 30,406.08	$ 19,962.13
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry	$ 60,735.14	$ 55,800.00
Adult Formation	$ 1,437.00	$ -
Council of Catholic Women	$ 29,749.69	$ -
Latino Ministry	$ 4,014.16	$ -
Pan African Network	$ 500.00	$ -
Health Ministry	$ 1,000.00	$ -
Total	**$ 1,529,826.33**	**$ 1,372,165.67**



Parish Expenses		
General Operations	$ 672,495.37	$ 563,756.04
Business Office	$ 444,392.32	$ 384,204.33
Stewardship/Festivals	$ 15,425.09	$ 7,118.66
Liturgy/Music	$ 152,506.00	$ 142,102.33
Clergy	$ 211,801.92	$ 211,802.00
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry	$ 136,246.99	$ 116,436.88
Adult Formation	$ 1,457.81	$ 1,995.84
Council of Catholic Women	$ 31,392.75	$ -
Latino Ministry	$ 4,605.16	$ 3,000.00
Pan African Network	$ -	$ 1,000.00
Health Ministry	$ 547.59	$ 380.00
Total	**$ 1,670,871.00**	**$ 1,431,796.08**
Parish Net Income	$ (141,044.67)	$ (59,630.41)



Looking Ahead: Growing Together in Faith and Community

Planning for the Future

Through Pathfinders, we completed a parish-wide process of prayer, listening, and review. This work highlighted opportunities to deepen lifelong faith formation and strengthen connections within our multicultural parish and wider community, while using our facilities and resources wisely to support our long-term mission.

Strengthening Parish Life

We hired a Youth Ministry Director and established a youth ministry, alongside a new young adult ministry led by one of our priests. We are now developing a family ministry to help children and parents grow together in faith and strengthen the bonds between parish life and home.

Welcoming and Supporting Parishioners

A new Welcome Packet offers prospective parishioners inviting, helpful materials featuring our redesigned logo. Two centralized information kiosks bring parish communications together, and a website help bot answers common questions around the clock. We continue to improve how we welcome, inform, and connect with parishioners.

Ensuring Safety and Supporting Our Community

Immigration enforcement brought deep fear to our community, keeping many parishioners home from Mass regardless of immigration status. We responded with controlled building access, volunteers at entrances and in the parking lot, and a food drive delivering donations directly to affected households. Parish life has since largely returned to normal.

We also reviewed streamlined emergency procedures with local police and developed updated church maps. These materials will be posted throughout parish rooms and common spaces.

Maximizing Our Resources

We welcomed Eagle Ridge Academy through a five-year lease of the former school space. The partnership is thriving, with approximately 100 students in kindergarten through second grade and additional grades planned each year. Following substantial first-year legal and brokerage expenses, lease payments will now provide ongoing income for the parish. Discussions about further development or sale of parish property are paused.

A Shared Vision

Our hope for the coming year is to grow together in faith—as families, across cultures, and through active participation in parish life. Rooted in our Redemptorist tradition, we invite every parishioner to help build a community where people are welcomed, relationships deepen, and faith finds expression in service. Together, we will continue to make St. Alphonsus a place of faith, hope, and belonging.