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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

FR. ROSS LETTER TO PARISHIONERS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have ended our 70th year as a vibrant Parish Community of Many Cultures and One Faith. St. Matthew Parish and School have indeed had a busy year. St. Matthew School has been working with St. Mark Classical Catholic School to combine the two schools for the 2026-2027 school year, in order to create a quality Catholic education for our combined faith community.

As we prepared to enter into this new Parish Family 12 partnership, we strove to build community around our Parish Family 12. At St. Matthew, we enjoyed the annual Parish Picnic, School concerts, World Mission Rosary, Public Rosary Rally, Simbang Gabi, Santo Niño, the International Heritage Festival, Beatles Night, Lumpia and Bake Sales, and the ever popular Crab Feed. We also resumed our Wednesday Soup Suppers during Lent. There were many opportunities at St. Mark for St. Matthew to get to know them such as their Summer Jazz Fest, Friday Night Salmon dinner during Lent, and combined Faith Formation Programs.

St. Matthew Parish was able to accomplish necessary building and maintenance projects, including:

- Cleaning and repairs where needed for all our campus roofs. Bids were obtained to begin the painting and repairs on the exterior of the Community Center for later this fall or early next spring.
- Worked with the City to replace the curb stops along NE 127th and had the parking lines repainted.
- Repairs to the heat pumps at both Lisieux House and the PreK which were damaged during a vandalism incident.
- We continued to pursue deferred maintenance on all our campus facilities such as taking down dead and diseased trees which are a safety hazard, repair of the lawn sprinkler systems, and miscellaneous parking lot repairs.

We had a challenging year financially, starting with cash flow constraints in the Fall. To address our situation, we temporarily cut back positions by up to 25%, with one position remaining at reduced hours. To pay our insurance bill for the year, we borrowed from the Archdiocese, and we were able to pay back that loan by June 30th. We also asked parishioners to give extra donations to offset a large expected deficit for the year. The response was amazing! We received \$61,000 in one time donations, which allowed us to end the year with a small cushion for general operations expenses. A donor also stepped forward to pay off the remaining mortgage balance on the PreK remodel, saving \$2,000 per month for the Parish/School.

However, we continue to experience giving at a level that does not cover our ordinary and budgeted expenses. We begin this new year projecting a deficit cash flow. Along with our new Director of Operations, and our Finance Council, I will be addressing this situation and you will hear more from us.

You will also be hearing more from me and from our Finance Council on moving towards a stewardship mindset during our annual fall pledge drive. St. Matthew Parish currently has 500 registered families, and if every family participates in stewardship as they are able, we would be able to accomplish the challenges listed above.

JULIE PREPOTENTE, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL LETTER

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners,

We appreciate your continued support, prayers and generosity as we continue to nurture the spiritual, academic and personal growth of our students. Below are the highlights of the 2024-2025 school year Celebrations for the year:

- Completed community service including Adopt a Street along 15th Ave, beautifying the campus, the 7th grade Missionary Discipleship Institute food bank service, Crab Feed and hundreds of hours of student middle school service



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PARISH LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Fr. Cody Ross
Parochial Vicar Fr. Davis
School Principal Julie Prepotente
PAA: Linda Haptonstall
Admin. Asst: Cris Rivera
Bookkeeper: Susan Rivera
Facilities: Brian Dimak
Maintenance: Mark Nguyen

Pastoral Council:
 Ed Jose, Prisca Bungiranto,
 Saowanee Panaram, and Mavis Simpson

Finance Council:
 Diane Reeves, Chair; George Yocum, Pam Dressel, and John Hickman

PARISH SACRAMENTS

We celebrated:

4 Baptisms
 9 First Communion
 6 Confirmations
 2 OCIA
 19 Funerals
 238 Anointing of the Sick
 280 Opportunities for Reconciliation



Fr. Ross Installation



Crab Feed



Corpus Christi



Easter Vigil



Santo Niño

PARISH FINANCIAL PAGE

FY2024-2025

ORDINARY INCOME

Sunday Env/Holy days/Loose	\$ 574,810
Building Envelopes	\$ 3,921
Annual Appeal Rebate	\$ 11,876
Called to Serve Rebate	\$ 960
Donations/ Bequests	\$ 1,798
Debt Reduction Envelope	\$ 67,800
Memorials/ Liturgy/Outreach	\$ 14,397
Business Revenue/Facilities	\$ 124,687
Lisieux Rental	\$ 71,060
Parish Life Income	\$ 40,011
Religious Education Income	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 911,319

EXPENDITURES

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 356,834
Operation Expenditures	\$ 112,924
School Subsidy	\$ 100,000
Parish Life Expenditures	\$ 19,373
Facilities Expenditures	\$ 143,736
Lisieux House Operating Expenses	\$ 27,310
Mortgage Interest*	\$ 7,833
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 768,010
NET INCOME	\$ 143,309
<i>Less regular principal payments on debt</i>	<i>\$ (37,270)</i>
<i>Less payoff of Pre-K loan from donation</i>	<i>\$ (67,800)</i>
*REMAINING NET INCOME	\$ 38,239

*Note:

1) Mortgage interest includes \$6,656 interest paid on Convent/Lisieux House loan.

ST. MATTHEW PRAYS AND CELEBRATES



World Mission Rosary



Many Cultures



One Faith



Legion of Mary



Palm Braiding



Crab Feed



Corpus Christi



Easter Vigil



Santo Niño

SCHOOL FINANCIAL PAGE

INCOME		FY2024-2025
Tuition and Fees		\$ 610,548
Financial Aid—Fulcrum		\$ 43,300
Parish Subsidy (Facilities support, non cash)		\$ 100,000
Other Fundraising		\$ 201,004
Donations/Endowment/Bequests/Interest*		\$ 626,284
ESS/Parent Club/Athletics		\$ 51,676
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 1,632,812
EXPENSES:		
Salaries & Benefits		\$ 1,225,432
Operation Expenditures		\$ 136,873
Supplies		\$ 65,208
Contracted Services		\$ 46,631
Other Fundraising Expenses		\$ 30,370
Other business Expenses		\$ 128,298
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 1,632,812
REMAINING NET INCOME		\$ 0*

***Notes:**

- 1) The school incurred an operating loss of \$318,219, which was offset to \$0 by the recognition of prior year restricted donations, primarily from Knights of Columbus.



Our Mission:

St. Matthew School, in partnership with the home and parish, promotes the Catholic faith and inspires academic excellence in an environment of cultural diversity, opportunity, service, forgiveness and love.



JULIE PREPOTENTE LETTER *continued*



- Blessed by parish support, including volunteers such as Gail Bulger and Geraldine Mock in the classroom and for the Christmas Store
- Received continued support from the Knights of Columbus with tuition aid and new coats for students
- Competed in CYO sports including playoffs in 7th grade soccer, the 5/6th and 7/8th grade girls volleyball teams, the 6/7th grade boys basketball and students in 4-8th grade participating in the track championship
- Celebrated the retirement of Mrs. Mary McCloskey after 42 years of service as a teacher at St. Matthew School
- Our Annual School Fund Drive in the Fall raised \$83,500. The Gala Auction was replaced in the spring by Trivia Night and we raised \$66,000 for our operating budget.
- Celebrated the liturgical seasons throughout the year
- Provided after school enrichment such as Smart with Art and Martial Arts
- Continued some favorite field trips like the salmon hatchery, outdoor education and Edmonds Beach and added some new ones such as attending a performance of Hamilton and a visit to the Pacific Science Center
- Started a new partnership with Camp Galileo to host their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) summer camp on campus

We will be able to operate in the 2025-2026 school year with our reserves along with a draw up to \$200,000 from our endowments. As we plan the integration of St. Mark and St. Matthew Schools in the 2026-2027 school year, there is great hope and opportunity.

We place our trust in God to guide and support us, so that together as a parish family, we can continue to educate our students in both the Catholic faith and academics. Through this, our students come to experience the living Christ in their lives and learn to show what it truly means to be His disciples.

With gratitude,

Julie Prepotente, Principal





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We are a Catholic Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

We believe in Jesus Christ and welcome all who seek God's Grace. Our compassionate community embraces many cultures. Through prayer, liturgy, our ministries and service to others, we cultivate a lifelong journey of faith.

MINISTRIES AT ST. MATTHEW

St. Matt Seniors Rosary Group

Our St. Matt Seniors Rosary Group has been very active this past year. The group looks forward every Wednesday to meeting and working on rosaries. They start out with praying the rosary in the church, then head over to the Parish Office Library for a meal together. Then everyone settles down to make rosaries. No one wants to miss a day!

The Seniors Rosary Group has remained enthusiastic since the start of coming together to make rosaries. They have made rosaries for First Communion, Confirmation, adults coming into the church at the Easter Vigil, School Graduation, the Jubilee 2025 Rosary Project (funded in part by the Archdiocese of Seattle St. Joseph Foundation), The Public Rosary Rally, and the Annual World Mission Day Rosary. The St. Matt Seniors Rosary group also supplies the church vestibule with handmade rosaries for those people who want to have a special rosary of their own made with love!



Members write:

- I appreciate our Seniors' talent, time, and effort and the social time when we gather as a Senior community.
- The most important thing is we enjoy what we're doing while at the same time we are helping and supporting our parish, school, and community!
- I can only add how grateful I am to be part of this group, and experience the wonderful group we have become.

Next time you are at Mass, please take a rosary, and pray for peace in the world. And you are welcome to join us any Wednesday from 9am to noon in the Parish Center Library.

Parish Life & Community Events: A 30-Year Journey and Beyond



For over 30 years, the Parish Life Committee at St. Matthew Parish has been at the heart of building community and strengthening our faith through fellowship. From the early days of parish picnics and holiday bazaars to dinner-dances, prayer gatherings, and Coffee Hours, volunteers have poured countless hours of love and service into creating spaces where parishioners celebrate, laugh, pray, and grow together.

What began as small community socials decades ago has blossomed into a rich tradition of events that not only raise funds for parish needs but also deepen friendships and support among families. Generations of parishioners have shared these experiences, leaving a legacy of hospitality and service that continues to flourish today.

Between July 2024, and June of 2025, we invited everyone to Beatles Night, World Mission Rosary, a November Christmas Bake sale, Simbang Gabi Mass and Salo Salo, Santo Niño Mass, the Crab Feast, Rainbow Heritage International Festival, Stations and Soup Suppers during Lent, Palm Braiding before the Triduum, weekly coffee hours, and in concert with the St. Matt Senior Rosary Group, we started on the Jubilee Rosary Project to make 2,025 rosaries before the end of the Jubilee year.

We warmly invite **parishioners of all ages** to join in this joyful volunteer work. Whether you help host a Coffee Hour, plan a large parish event, decorate, cook, welcome guests, or share your talents in hospitality, your presence will make a lasting difference. Watch the bulletin for parish opportunities to join us.