STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SACRIFICIAL GIVING RENEWAL FOR 2027

Dear St. Monica Parishioner,

Gratitude and generosity are at the very heart of our Catholic faith. As disciples of Christ, we joyfully recognize that **all we have and all that we are flow from God's loving hand**. True stewardship is born from this awareness—our grateful response to God's limitless grace.

When we open our hearts to notice all of God's countless blessings in our lives, our motivation shifts from obligation to thanksgiving. We give not out of duty, but out of immense thankfulness. In this spirit, our generosity becomes a joyful witness to our faith and love for others.

In fiscal year 2025-2026, St. Monica's Stewardship giving fell from the previous year by $126,000. This was a serious shortfall from what we budgeted, therefore, as we reflect on the past year, please pause and thank God for the many blessings in your life. Looking ahead, may you prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to share the gifts He has entrusted to you. Through prayer, service, and generosity, each of us plays a vital role in advancing our parish's mission and inspiring others to grow closer to Christ.

You can make your pledge by returning the enclosed commitment card in the collection basket, or by mail.

Thank you for your prayerful discernment and your faithful generosity. Because of you, we can continue Christ's work—**building up the Kingdom of God here on earth and touching lives with His love**.

In Christ,



Fr. Kurt Nagel — October 26, 2026
Pastor of St. Monica Parish, Mercer Island & Sacred Heart Parish, Bellevue

Why we ask you to make a pledge

The parish depends on your Stewardship of Treasure to sustain many of its ministries, underwrite operations and personnel costs, and maintain the facilities and property. As you review the financial section on the opposite page, please note that the Sunday and Holy Day Collections revenue alone, which represents most stewardship pledges and gifts, could not completely cover personnel and operations/ maintenance costs last year. Our other expenses were covered by generous donations outside of the Sunday Collections. These additional donations are not regular and cannot be relied on to cover expenses year after year. We ask you to prayerfully consider a commitment to Stewardship of Treasure 2027 to help us better plan our annual budget. If you prefer to make your Stewardship of Treasure commitment online, please follow the link on our stewardship page: **stmonicami.org/stewardship**. If you gave or pledged last year, please consider increasing your gift by 5%-10%. If you could not give last year, please consider giving this year in response to the many gifts God has provided.

Want to start contributing?

- **Electronic Giving** is an easy, safe, and secure way to make a contribution towards your 2027 pledge from your bank account or credit card. To make a one-time gift or set up a recuring gift, please follow the link provided on our stewardship page: **stmonicami.org/stewardship**.
- **Offering Envelopes** are still provided as a traditional way to support the parish. The envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass, dropped off at the parish office, or mailed in.
- **Stock Options** through donor-advised funds are another easy way to make a contribution, with tax advantages. Contact the parish office for more information.

ST. MONICA PARISH SNAPSHOT

FOR 2025-2026 | FISCAL YEAR-END JUNE 30, 2026

Arrows indicate increase (↑), decrease (↓), or same (→) from previous year.

Parish Life Participation

Registered Parish Households — **812** ↓
New Parish Households — **7** ↓
Faith Formation Students (Pre K-12th) — **80** ↑
Youth Group Participants (6th-12th Grade) — **17** ↓
Adult Education Participants — **87** ↑
OCIA Participants — **16** ↓

Sacraments

Baptisms — **27** →
First Communions — **37** ↓
Confessions (per month) — **90** ↑
Confirmations — **39** ↓
Marriages — **5** →
Funerals — **16** →

St. Monica School Enrollment

High School Students — **22** ↑
K-8th Grade Students — **202** ↓
Preschool Students — **28** ↓

Parish Revenue

Sunday and Holy Day Collections	$1,499,000 ↓
Gifts and Bequests	$651,000 ↑
Other (Includes ACA rebate $ 146,400)	$306,500 ↑
Total Revenue:	**$2,456,500 ↑**

Parish Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	$1,186,600 ↑
Ministry and Programs	$248,300 ↑
Operations and Maintenance	$380,800 ↑
School Subsidy	$110,000 →
Archdiocesan/Deanery Assessments	$121,500 ↓
Total Expenses:	**$2,047,200 ↑**
Reserve Held for School Support	$409,300 ↑
Adjusted Total Expenses:	**$2,456,500 ↑**

Current Projects and Future Improvements	Budgeted	Billed to Date
Security Upgrades | Key Fob System	$170,000	$186,400
Campus Grounds/Landscape Upgrades	$240,000	$181,500
Building Roof Maintenance	$80,000	$14,700
New Windows/Shades for Old School Building	$390,000	$3,900
Church/School HVAC Upgrades	$500,000	$13,300

Thank you also for your continued generosity to these charitable works!

Catholic Community Service — $ 2,134 ↓
Catholic Relief Services — $ 3,711 ↓
CCHD/Human Development — $ 3,244 ↑
Catholic Home Missions — $ 1,275 ↑
Catholic Communications — $ 1,570 ↓
World Mission Sunday — $ 3,765 ↑
Holy Land — $ 3,115 ↑
Priest Retirement — $ 1,205 ↑
Rice Bowl — $ 2,121 ↓
Peter's Pence — $ 3,849 ↑