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A JESUIT PARISH UNITING HEARTS AND MINDS IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST



Stewardship Report 2025

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STILL AFLOAT, STILL ON STORMY SEAS

Last October in the dreaded “Sermon on the Amount” I came to you, our faithful parish crew, and begged for your help. I needed you to help me bail our little boat out.

For a couple of years past, our parish boat had been taking on water. A stormy, very unpredictable financial climate, some overly sunny budgeting ignoring an inflationary horizon, the shifting weight of reducing our debt, and a lot of needed expenditures put us in a perilous situation. Waves were crashing over our deck. Relatively inexperienced captain that I am, I needed the expert advice of some seasoned financial sailors to help us avoid calamity. And most of all I knew I had to declare, “All hands on deck!” and ask you, good generous people that you are, to start bailing out the boat along with me.

You responded with great generosity. We came through that storm together, and we have been able to dry out our clothes a little and keep fishing, like the apostles did of old. Through the generosity of so many of you who made gifts small and large, we achieved our goal: our income last year returned to being greater than our expenses, we did not have to cut or curb important programming, and we’re continuing to pay down our debt, which now stands at about \$2.4 million. We have continued to grow our charitable works while taking decent care of our staff of good people who work so hard here for us all. They are indispensable, and very dedicated. And so many of you have donated not only from your means, but your talents, creativity, and dedication. And, of course, your prayers.



Any sailor knows that you must always keep your eyes on the horizons, looking forwards and backwards. We’ve trimmed the sails a bit, a prudent thing to do when winds are uncertain. No one knows when the next squall will blow up out of nowhere, so we’re trying to lay in stores that we need for the next, inevitable round of storms. Still, I discovered a cloud on the horizon this past week, looking at the new 25-26 fiscal year’s first quarter numbers, and finding that we’re about \$20,000 behind where we need to be. At the same time, we haven’t forgotten, nor can we forget, that loving charity is what keeps us afloat, light, nimble, and ready to reach out to at least some of those around us to keep them from sinking, just as Jesus did for doubting Peter.

So where are we today? Where do we want to go? This bulletin contains a more extended than usual report of our pastoral works and the many ministries old and new that we are providing, and the charities that you support through our parish. In this report, we are focusing on the parish’s ordinary works and financial profile, and at a later date we’ll present to you our parish school’s story with its successes and its challenges.

So, to begin: a number of declarative sentences:

- *We are solvent.*
- *We experienced a significant increase in overall giving last year after our October Stewardship appeal: overall, an increase of 23% (8.6% in Offertory, and an outstanding increase of 170% in Unrestricted Donations, thanks to many one-time gifts).*
- *We have budgeted expenses conservatively, projecting that this year’s income may not reach last year’s extraordinary levels. We have budgeted only a modest 3.4% increase in our expenses this year.*
- *We have controlled our expenses, while giving our employees a cost-of-living increase of 3.5% as suggested by the Diocese. Like yours at home, our insurance and utility bills continue to escalate.*
- *We are slowly rebuilding the cash reserves we needed to spend from in the past few years. Recall that those cash reserves are also used to pay the \$95,000 each year for our required paydown of our construction debt.*
- *Thanks to your pledges and gifts (and the total \$190,000 that together the Parish and School pay each year out of their reserves), we are continuing to pay down our debt at a brisk pace.*
- *We continue to grow our charitable outreach.*

So with this positive news, what more is there to say? I’ll start with “Thanks again!”

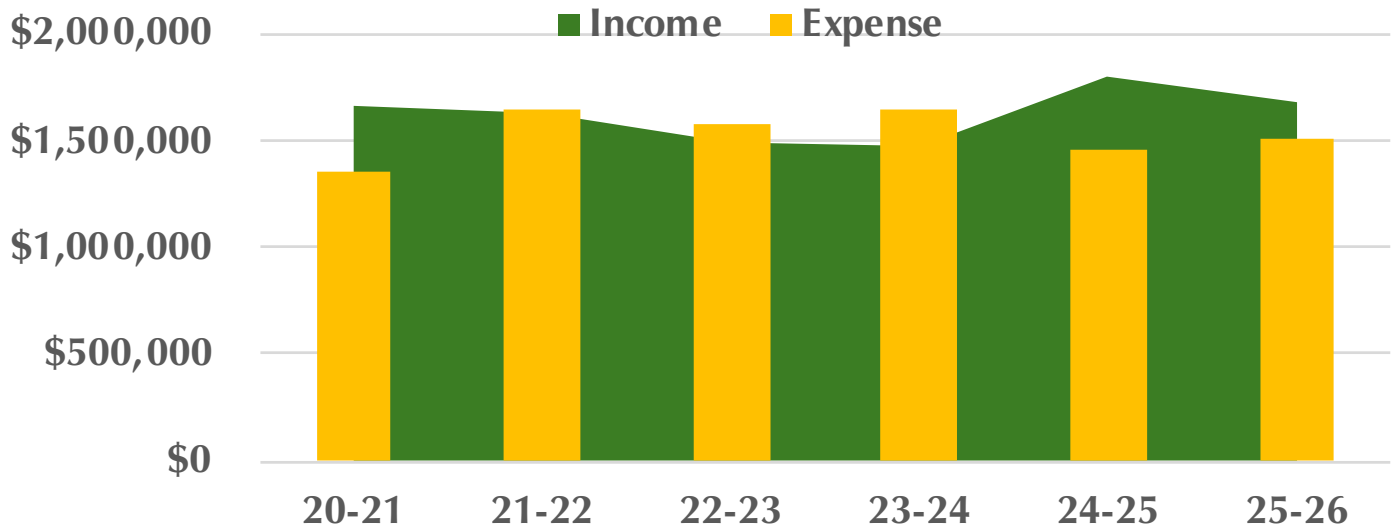
There is an old Breton fisherman’s prayer: “O Lord, the sea is so great, and my boat is so small.” The great sea in which we live is more unpredictable than ever. Storms are more frequent, it seems, and stronger.

We need your continuing help to stay afloat, so we can share in God’s saving work together. I need to ask you to keep bailing out the boat with me, and not to bail out on us as a community. With your continued help, we can keep rowing and growing together.

In concrete terms, last year I asked you to consider your contributions to our Parish and its works, and as you can, to increase them, even if only by a small factor. I make that appeal again this year in this Sermon on the Stormy Sea. We’re doing the best we can with our limited resources, hard work, and God’s grace. We know we cannot fail because Jesus is in the boat with us, bailing and rowing alongside of us.

So Ahoy, Mateys, and Thanks!

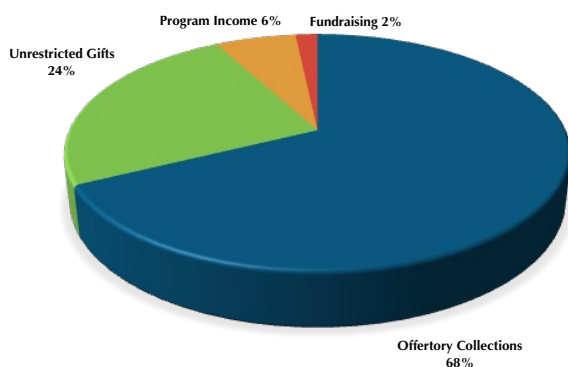
Operating Income to Operating Expense 2020-2025 (actual) and 2026 (estimated)



The chart above illustrates the trend over the past five years of operating income to operating expense. Coming out of COVID we experienced a decided decrease in income, due in part to decreased church attendance and the impact of the second phase of our Capital Campaign fundraising activities. As you will see on the following pages during this same period our charitable activities and donations have grown significantly which certainly impacted our patterns of giving.

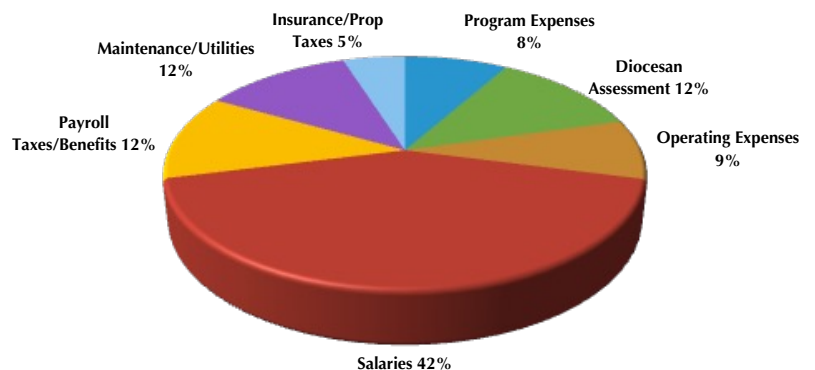
Fiscal Years 2022–23 and 2023–24 were particularly challenging, as income lagged well behind expenses. However, last October's Stewardship Appeal—and your generous response to it—combined with disciplined cost control on the part of the parish—helped reverse this trend. For the coming year, we are projecting a slight decrease in income and only a modest increase in expenses, reflecting a more stable financial outlook.

24-25 ACTUAL INCOME: \$1.8 M



Offertory Collections 68%	\$ 1,218,355
Unrestricted Gifts 24%	\$ 438,830
Program Income 6%	\$ 111,829
Fundraising 2%	\$ 30,322
Total	\$ 1,799,336

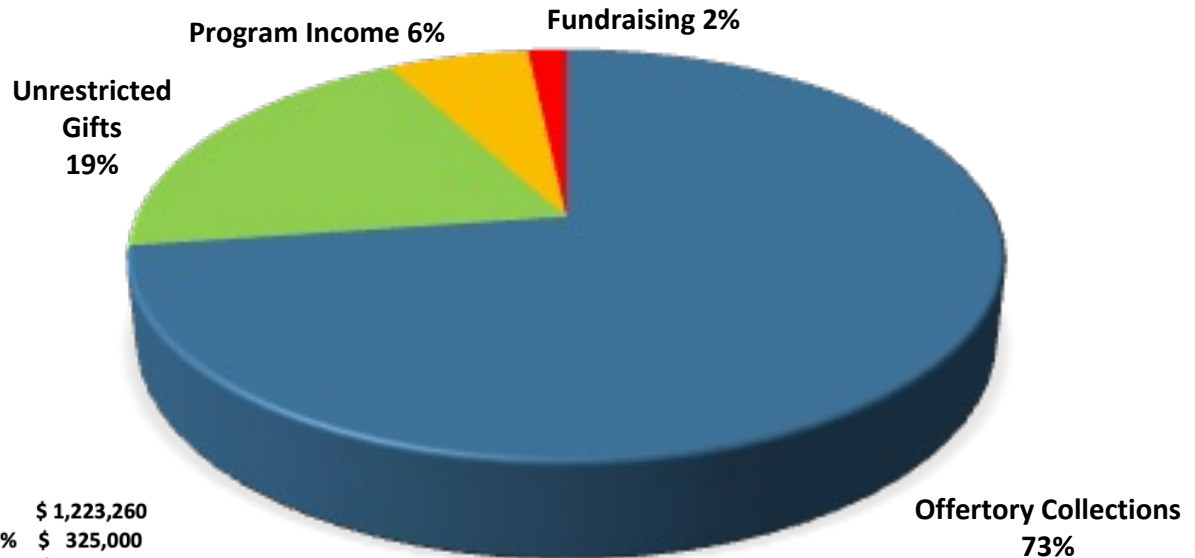
24-25 ACTUAL EXPENSES: \$1.46 M



Program Expenses 8%	\$ 121,823
Diocesan Assessment 12%	\$ 179,557
Operating Expenses 9%	\$ 120,825
Salaries 42%	\$ 615,578
Payroll Taxes/Benefits 12%	\$ 173,621
Maintenance/Utilities 12%	\$ 173,703
Insurance/Prop Taxes 5%	\$ 73,244

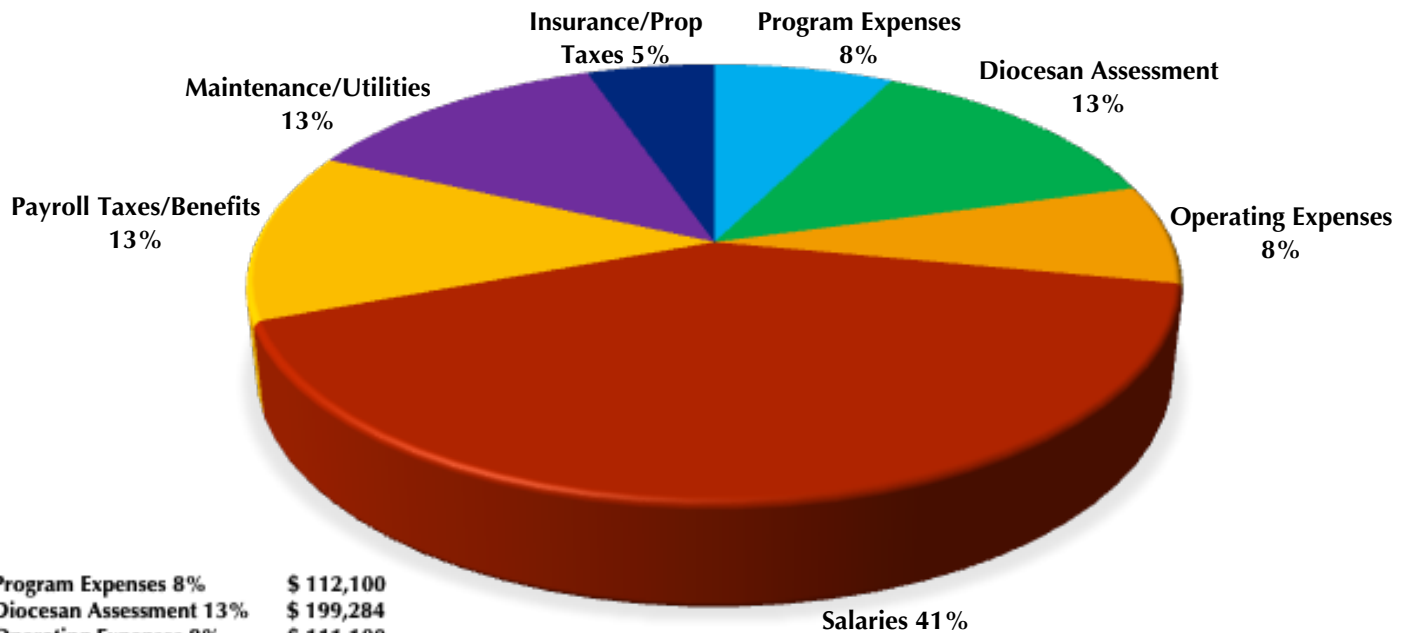
Total \$1,458,351

25-26 BUDGETED INCOME: \$1.68 M



Offerory 73%	\$ 1,223,260
Unrestricted Gifts 19%	\$ 325,000
Program Income 6%	\$ 105,250
Fundraising 2%	\$ 28,500
Total	\$ 1,682,010

25-26 BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$1.51 M



Program Expenses 8%	\$ 112,100
Diocesan Assessment 13%	\$ 199,284
Operating Expenses 8%	\$ 111,100
Salaries 41%	\$ 621,438
Payroll Taxes/Benefits 13%	\$ 189,984
Maintenance/Utilities 13%	\$ 193,000
Insurance/Prop Taxes 5%	\$ 80,009
Total	\$1,506,915

Parish Giving Beyond Operating Budget

How parishioners went above and beyond with **\$950,000** in special giving this year

This year, your generosity contributed nearly \$1 million beyond our operating budget—supporting major charitable partners and advancing the debt repayment on the school building and parish offices. These gifts, not included in the operating budget found on page 4, reflect the deep generosity of our parish community—helping our neighbors today and ensuring a strong future for our students and this parish.

Parish giving beyond the operating budget centered on four key funds:

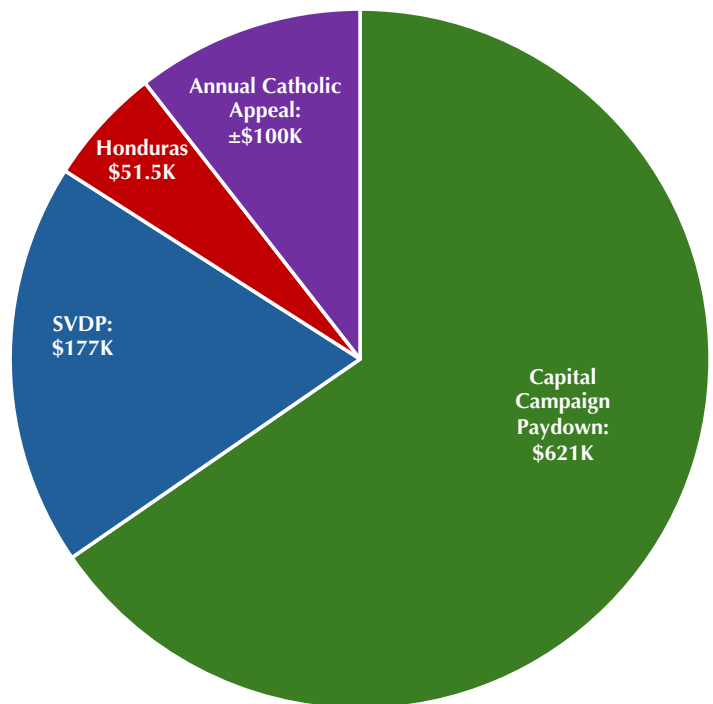
Ensuring our Future:

- Capital Campaign: \$621,000 paydown

Partnering in Charity

Local and Global:

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP): \$177,000
- Annual Catholic Appeal: Est. \$100,000 pledged (25% returns to the parish)
- Fr. Jack Honduras Appeal: \$51,560

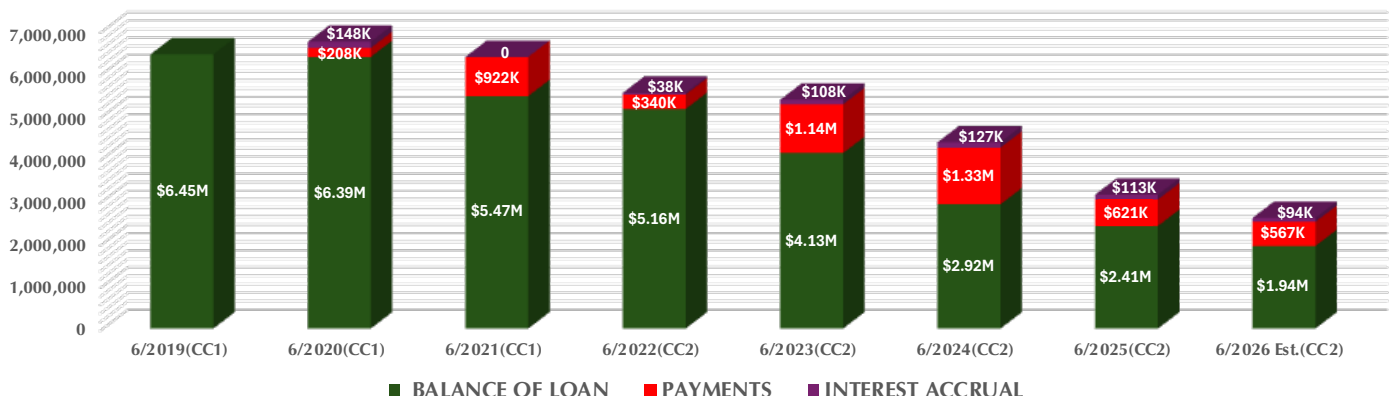


Ensuring the Future: Paying down our Capital Campaign Debt

\$621,000 paid off

(2024/25 payments includes School and Parish \$190,000 contributions)

Debt Reduction, 2019 to 2025 actual, 2026 estimated



St. Ignatius Parish Mission

St. Ignatius Parish serves the needs of the Catholic community in the Arden Arcade - Sacramento area.

This is a parish where all are welcome to find a spiritual home built on the long tradition of Jesuit spirituality.

Called for mission by Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and grounded in Ignatian spiritual tradition, our parish proclaims the Good News in word and worship and witnesses in daily life the Gospel values of service, justice, peace, and love.



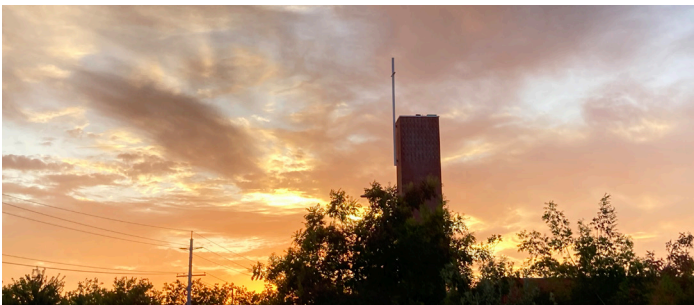
Why we are asking for financial support:

Increases in giving, even slight increases, as well as new regular gifts will allow us to:



- Cover steep rises in insurance, utilities, and technology costs
- Strengthen security amid changing local challenges
- Complete needed projects like parking lot repairs
- Provide cost-of-living raises for parish staff
- Meet increased benefit and payroll costs for clergy and staff
- Pay down the remaining \$2.4 million school and office debt
- Sustain and grow our lay-led parish ministries
- Support outreach programs like Bounty and Feed-a-Family
- Continue allowing vital aid appeals through St. Vincent de Paul, the Annual Catholic Appeal, and Fr. Jack's Honduran Mission

By increasing your giving, you enable us not only to meet our parish's practical needs but also to strengthen our ability to worship, welcome, serve, and grow together. We invite every household to prayerfully consider increasing their offertory support so that, as one parish family, we can continue building a vibrant and faith-filled future.



Parishioner Information:

Households Currently Registered:
4,267

Households Supporting through Check/Cash:
1,001 (762 Checks/239 Cash)

Households Supporting through online REALM payments (Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account):
859

Faith Formation:

Registered children 2024/25 Children's Faith Formation: 99

OCIA Participants: 8

Ministries:

24 Ministries covering Liturgical, Support, Prayer and Social



Sacraments

Baptisms

49 Child/ Youth
4 Adult (OCIA)

First Communion

47 Child/ Youth
9 Adult

Reconciliation

46 Child/ Youth

Confirmations

39 Child/ Youth
15 Adult

Marriages

3 Weddings at St. Ignatius
5 out of town wedding preps

Funerals

45

Anointing of the Sick

The priests at St. Ignatius make multiple weekly calls to anoint parishioners, at Kaiser and in other hospitals and care facilities. Our Xavier Ministers also take communion to the homebound and parishioners in care facilities.

Liturgy

Average Weeks: 10 Masses (5 weekday, 5 Sunday masses)

Total Masses each Year: over 500
Total Masses with Music: over 250

Special Preparation:

- Christmas Masses
- Holy Days of Obligation
- Funerals and Weddings

Important Liturgies Last Year:

- Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil)
- Ash Wednesday
- Teaching Mass for Faith Formation Programs
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Simbang Gabi
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- San Lorenzo Ruiz
- All-School Masses (8-9 per year)

Non-Mass Liturgies last year:

- Weekly Individual Reconciliation (Saturday afternoon)
- Parish-wide reconciliation services (Advent and Lent)
- Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Feast of St. Francis/ Blessing of the Animals
- Advent Lessons and Carols

Liturgical Ministers

- 7 Sacristans (part-time staff), 51 Lectors, 89 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 14 Hospitality Ministers
- There is also a small Altar Care team



Average Mass Attendance 2024 (taken Oct. 2024)

Saturday 5:30 PM - 170
Sunday 7:30 AM - 165
Sunday 9:30 AM - 330
Sunday 11:30 AM - 305
Sunday 5:30 PM - 220

Music

- 4 accompanists
- 3 groups
 - Sunday 9:30 a.m. Choir - 15-20 members
 - Sunday 11:30 a.m. Choir - 6-8 members
 - Sunday 5:30 p.m. Band - 4-7 Members

Outreach Ministries

Sharing God's Bounty

Parish Program providing dinner the last Wednesday of the month to low-income families and the unhoused in Arden-Arcade

- **667 Meals Served**
- **\$8,950 provided to Bounty by Parish**

Feed-a-Family

Parish Program providing a holiday meal and other pantry staples at Christmas and Easter to low-income families in Arden-Arcade

- **Food baskets provided at Christmas: 300**
- **Food baskets provided at Easter: 320**
- **\$55,110 provided to FAF by Parish**

Knights of Columbus Council 4970

- **12, \$900 school scholarships**—4th of July Firework Sale
- **\$2,240** - Intellectual Disability Drive: money raised for Camp ReCreation
- **Over 400 meals** - prepared for parishioners at Parish Fest and Lenten Fish Fry
- **Donated new gas grill** for Parish and School Events



HART

Parish partner organization delivering food to the unhoused in Arden-Arcade. Per Federal Poverty Guidelines there are approx. 751 unhoused adults and 1,145 students with insecure housing in the Arden-Arcade community.

- **30-40 bags of food/personal items** delivered to unhoused by a team of 7-8 volunteers the last Saturday of the month
- **15 Members** from St. Ignatius
- **\$7,500** amount given to HART through Parish operating funds

Loaves and Fishes

Parish Partner organization providing meals to those in need

- **14-24 parishioners** assist over 2 shifts the third Saturday of the month to prepare a meal

Quilting for a Cause

Parish Lay run ministry providing needed quilts Since the ministry started in 2023:

- **52 quilts gifted** (31 to parishioners via priests and Xavier Ministries, 18 to Jesuits in Los Gatos and Sacramento, 3 to Casa de Los Pobres)
- **36 babies and kids quilts gifted** (35 to Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home and 1 to Parish Staff)
- **3 quilts** sold at Parish Festival
- **Gifts to HART:** 50 small care bags, 13 tote bags

Stitches 4 Good

- Provides knitted goods to Bounty, HART, Wellspring and an assisted living facility
- 25-30 members

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Serving our Neighbors in Need



A parish partner organization run by dedicated teams of lay volunteers work daily to help local families facing housing eviction, utility shutoff and more.

Funding: \$177,000 (parish-supported)

Impact: 753 households / 2,119 people served in Arden-Arcade

Most assistance provided rent and utilities, with additional help for essentials like gas, furniture, and clothing.

Support, Prayer/Reflection Ministries

Bereavement (2024/2025)

- 39 individuals (35 families) supported
- 5 referred for counseling
- 4 referred to St. Mark's (suicide loss)
- 2 to spiritual directors, 2 miscarriage support calls, 3 funeral accompaniments, 5 staff referrals for individual support

Mental Health

- 4 Listening and Sharing Sessions in September 2024 (150 attended)
- 2 Education + Listening and Sharing Sessions in March 2025 with Anne Edwards as presenter (100 people attended)
- 6 Helpline messages returned
- Resources provided (handouts and a website page created)

Xavier Ministers

- 44 Communicants
- 34 Xavier Ministers (4 trained for Kaiser)

Legion of Mary

- 12 active members meet weekly
- Hosted Fr. Art's Rosary Vigil and one year later, simple refreshments after Anniversary Memorial.
- Visit hospitals, senior, and rehab centers for prayer and Communion; Shares the Blessed Mother's image weekly for home Rosary devotion; prayer and service

Senior Connections

- 500+ parishioners reached for wellness check-in (2021-2023)
- 25 person, volunteer calling team.

Merton Circle

- Avg. 7 attendees (monthly discussion)

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Social Ministries

Bingo for Seniors

- 35- 40 average monthly attendance
- One 2.5 hour session each month

Quest

- 10-45 person attendance (topic dependent)
- One 1-2 hour gathering per month

Coffee Social

- Avg. 10 attendees
- One 1.5 hour get-together each month

Fil-Am

- Celebrated San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass & Brunch
- Hosted Simbang Gabi Novena (Dec. 13-21)
 - Opening Mass with Bishop Rey Bersabal
 - Closing Mass followed by reception and dance
- Community of about 60 members
- 180+ attended the Simbang Gabi closing celebration

Parish Events (2024/25)

- 3rd Annual Parish Fall Festival (roughly 300 attendees)
- International Potluck Dinner (roughly 175 attendees)
- Lenten Fish Fry (roughly 120 attendees)
- Monthly Donut Sundays (after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30)



Communications

Our Director keeps parishioners informed and connected through regular communications that reach our community and beyond the parish walls.

- 2,900+ parishioners receive all-parish emails
- 945 weekly emailed bulletins/ 750 printed copies
- 45,000 total website hits annually

Previous 12 months:

- 1,500 Facebook followers; Avg. 7,800 total monthly views
- 271 Instagram followers; Avg. 140 total views per post

Cristo Rey Student Worker Program

The parish employs four Cristo Rey students at the office reception desk, providing them with real-world experience while allowing the church to support other Jesuit works.

Operations and Updates 2024/25

Parish operations, run by our full-time Plant Manager and overseen by our Business Manager, ensures our facilities are clean, run smoothly and remain safe for all who rely on them.

The following improvements were made in 2024/2025:

- Painting Doors of Church and Entry Crucifix
- Converting Trash Corral to a secured outdoor storage space
- Flood lighting at night at school side entrance
- Replacing chairs in the ministry room
- Water fountain outside for school students (school)
- Replacing eastern perimeter fence (security grant)
- Reseeding the soccer field (school)

St. Ignatius School



School Mission:

St. Ignatius Parish School is a faith community grounded on Jesuit principles which cultivates excellence in mind, body, and spirit, sending forth students for and with others.

Student Learning Expectations:

Religious, Loving, Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Committed to Doing Justice

Enrollment 2024/25 Academic Year:

- 391 Students, Preschool - 8th Grade
- 93% of Families St. Ignatius Parishioners

Academics:

- 87% of 2025 graduates enrolled in Catholic High Schools
- 20 Teachers, 16 Instructional Assistants (all classes supported by full-time instructional assistants)
- Specialty Teachers for Technology, PE, Art, Science, Spanish

Service Projects:

- \$15,292.88 raised through 8th Grade Arrupe Projects

Athletics:

- 8 PAL Championships 24/25 season
- 77% of 1st - 8th graders participate in PAL Sport

Building a Synodal Church



In response to Pope Francis's call for a synodal Church that listens to all the faithful, St. Ignatius was the only parish in the Diocese of Sacramento to hold Synodal Dialogues.

- 3 Listening and Sharing Sessions held in March 2024 (170 participants)
- Additional sessions held in 2024 for the homebound through Xavier Ministries

Our April 2024 Synod Report summarized the responses of the participants. Five categories emerged: Structure and Sacraments; Community and Communication; Inclusivity; Youth and Young Adults; and Women in the Church. The participants expressed gratitude for our church and Pope Francis and called for deeper community and inclusion, especially for women and youth.

As a church community, this process of Listening and Sharing has become a format for many of our ministries.