



ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA
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August 22, 2026 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matt 28:19-20)



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Weekly Worship Schedule

August 24-30, 2026

Rosary: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am

Adoration: Wednesday 7:00pm-8:00pm

Mass Schedule: See page 2

Confessions:

Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 24, 8:00am

Intention: Jamie Stickley

Tuesday, August 25, 8:00am

Intention: Tony and Anna Bladecki Anniversary

Wednesday, August 26, 6:30pm

Intention: Joseph Nied

Thursday, August 27, 8:00am

Intention: Richard Rybicki

Saturday, August 29 4:00pm

Intention: James Mlynarski Birthday

EMHC: John Barrett

Lector: Delores Sullivan

Sunday, August 30, 8:00am

Intention: People of the Parish

Lector: Jerry Skelly

Sunday, August 30, 10:00am

Intention: George and Isabel Cortier and Family
and Glen Akin

EMHC: Tenison Stone

Lector: Justin Jefress

Please pray for

Leona Doms, Carolyn Tuszynski, Sharon Strieter,
Ann Marie Osgood, Connie DeCocker, Dawn Reid,
Linda Maxwell, Haley Huton, Gloria Ferick, Mark
Stone, Alexa Montenaro, Alan Tobolski, Mary
Montenaro, Kathi & Bob Carpenter.



The Sanctuary Lamp

is burning

August 23 - August 29

In memory of

Ted and Theresa Krzyzewski

From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters,

We have a new Parish Secretary / Business Manager, Chelsea VanLue. Chelsea has already started and is working alongside Paula until Paula leaves us in September. Please be sure to welcome Chelsea and to thank Paula for her service to our parish.

This week I was listening to someone on the radio speaking about personal conversations with God. The host asked the man, "How hard is it to learn to have a conversation with God?" The man said that it can be as easy or as difficult as we make it. He said, "It's like asking how hard is it to speak to your wife?" He pointed out that, like conversations with loved ones, we can approach God and enter into a pleasant conversation, listening to him, or we can approach him in an argumentative manner, making the conversation all the more difficult.

One of the most difficult things when conversing with God is setting aside our expectations as to how God does and does not speak. This is especially true for those of us who have been part of the Church for several decades. We can get stuck in a particular way of thinking about how God does and does not speak to us that we end up limiting our ability to hear God.

Conversation with God requires that I express myself, as well as listen. The latter is the more difficult, and requires attention and perseverance. Sometimes God speaks to us immediately, but often He says, "Sit with that question a little while longer – a few minutes, a few days, a few years, a few decades, and you will understand." The fact that we are sitting with a question, seemingly not getting answers, does not mean that God stopped conversing with us; it's a sign that God is with us. Scripture informs us that Mary kept things in her heart – she did not have secret knowledge, rather she was in constant conversation with God about the events of her life. This is the same model we need to follow. We need to be attentive to our lives, not seeking answers, but conversing with God in our hearts.

Peace,

Fr. Brian

Please pray for the Soul of GENE SMITH

who entered into eternal life on
Wednesday, Aug 19 2026.

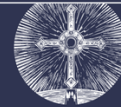
Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open, The forms are located at the entrances of the church or can be downloaded using the QR code.

Please reach out to Gabbie Shedrow at gshedrow@stanislauskostka.org if you are interested in volunteering to be a catechist.



Catholic Social Teaching



Event: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Lecture Series on Catholic Social Teaching

When: August 27, 2026 6:00pm

Location: St. Pius X Catholic Church

Speaker: Carolyn Y. Woo, Ph.D.

Cost: \$35



Attention Young Adults (18-39)

There will be a Diocesan Catholic Young Adult Town Hall Sessions on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 from 6:45-8:15 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II Center in Mishawaka.

Please attend if you can. It would be great to have our parish represented, and may be an opportunity for us to begin new ministries at St. Stanislaus Kostka.

This Week in the Parish

August 25, 11:00am – The Chosen



The Legion of Mary will host a free breakfast for parishioners after the 10 am Mass on September 6th to celebrate Mother Mary's birthday. Please sign up on the sheets at the entrance to the Church if you plan to attend.



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Weekly Mass Collection.....	\$3,113.00
Fiscal YTD Collections.....	\$31,639.50
Fiscal YTD Expenses.....	\$38,062.22
Fiscal YTD Variance.....	\$6,422.72

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Fiscal Report for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

This is a summary of our financial activity for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026). The parish remains in a healthy financial position at the end of FY 2025-2026. In FY 2025-2026 income outpaced expenses by \$50,779. However, there are still some major expenses for repair projects that are currently underway. Some of these projects are being funded by designated donations that were received in FY 2025-2026 but will not be billed until FY 2026-2027. This includes the floors in the rectory.

Of concern is that our income decreased by \$39,864. The reduction in income was largely from fewer one-time donations (such as bequests) which were down \$50,000 from FY 2024-2025. On the positive side, the weekend collections increased by approximately \$26,000.

The overall expenses were up around 8% from \$278,354 in FY 2024-2025 to \$299,796 in FY 2025-2026. The expenses are broken down into the following categories: Parish Administration, Church Operations, Parish Hall Operation, Rectory Operation, Office Building Operation, Parking Lot & Grounds, Pastoral Operation, Music and Religious Education.

The parish administration expenses increased from \$50,401 in FY 2024-2025 to \$57,774 in FY 2025-2026. The payroll expenses were the largest contributor to this increase. This is due largely to two factors. First, change in the Secretary/Office Manager position, required that the position be filled by two people while the new person was being trained. Second, the Director of Religious Education position was filled the entire FY 2025-2026, which it was not during FY 2024-2025. Most other administration expenses remained roughly the same.

The Church Operations expenses were down slightly from \$37,995 in FY 2024-2025 to \$36,482 in FY 2025-2026. During FY 2025-2026 the Church Building was outfitted with energy efficient lighting in the confessional. The organ was repaired with the help of a parishioner and his family. The floor will likely need to be repaired / upgraded in the next few years. However, the Church still needs brick work (tuck pointing), and repair to the soffits where birds were entering the attic.

The expenses from Parish Hall increased from \$58,443 in FY 2024-2025 to \$59,170 in FY 2025-2026. The net deficit for the hall was \$52,689 in 2025-2026 vs. \$36,052 in 2024-2025. This remains a major concern for the parish, as the hall deficit calls into question the value of the Parish Hall. The parish will need to justify this expense by making greater use of the Parish Hall in a way that advances the Gospel mission, or it will need to examine the long-term viability of keeping and maintaining the building. The Parish Hall currently needs repairs to several its HVAC systems. Of the seven units that service the hall, one unit was replaced in July 2026 (FY

2026-2027), three more will need to be fixed. The walk-in cooler also needed repairs. Those expenses are being incurred in FY 2026-2027 as well. Additionally, the kitchen supplies need to be upgraded to commercial standards, some of the windows need to be replaced, and the floor needs to be refinished. The viability of the hall remains our largest financial concern.

The Rectory Operation Expenses were up \$6,500, which is due to the staircase needing to be repaired. The rest of the Rectory expenses were largely in-line with expectations. During FY 2025-2026 the water heater in the rectory was replaced and a dishwasher installed. A lot of the pipes in the basement were replaced as well. There was no labor cost incurred, as a volunteer from another parish offered his time for free. The bay window was removed, as it was becoming detached from the building. There are still several maintenance issues and upgrades to the rectory that need to be addressed, including fixing the brickwork on the garage, replacing windows, repairing the flooring in the guest room, front foyer, entrance, and kitchen. The electrical wiring remains a concern, as it is old and may need to be upgraded in the near future. Upgrades to the overall aesthetics need to be completed in the future as well.

During FY 2025-2026, the Office Building Operation expenses increased by \$2,000. This is largely due to the addition of new doors. The phone and internet service in the Office Building were changed to new providers that will decrease the expenses for FY 2026-2027. Air conditioning still needs to be added to the building. We are currently evaluating options for that.

The Parking Lot & Groundskeeping expenses were up by \$5,500. Half of this was due to snow removal which nearly doubled from the prior year. Pest control to address moles was \$1600 and new plants & gardening supplies for parish grounds were \$900. The two Church Work Days continue to save the parish significant money (approximately \$5,000 per work day).

The pastoral operations increased from \$57,029.36 in FY 2024-2025 to \$62,682 in FY 2025-2026. This was largely due to increase in the priest salary and the fact the priest retirement program fee from FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026 were both paid in FY 2025-2026. The music expenses declined, as we do not have a Director of Sacred Music on staff.

Overall, the parish is financially viable. However, as the parish looks to the future, it must address several large maintenance projects. The most immediate are the soffits and brickwork on the church and rectory and the HVAC units in hall. The parish must also take a serious look at the financial viability of retaining the parish hall and how it can be used to support the Gospel mission of the parish.

I want to end by thanking everyone for your generosity in supporting the parish financially and by volunteering your time. Your contributions make St. Stanislaus Kostka beautiful environment for worship, education, and community-building activities as we go about our mission to make disciples of all nations.

In gratitude to all who contribute to the parish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Brian Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Brian Carpenter

St. Stanislaus Kostka Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Financial Summary

Numbers rounded to the nearest dollar in each category, which cause minor variances

Income

	FY 2025-2026	FY 2024-2025	Difference
Collections	\$249,022	\$222,860	\$26,162
Donations	61,320	111,480	(50,160)
Grants/Subsidies	397	605	(208)
Building Fund	18,883	15,759	3,124
Hall Income	6,481	22,108	(15,627)
Other	<u>14,472</u>	<u>17,627</u>	<u>(3,155)</u>
Total Income	\$350,576	\$390,439	(\$39,864)

Expenses

Parish Administration

Payroll & Salaries	\$24,074	\$19,139	\$4,934
Contractors	1,141	1,116	25
Office Supplies/Expenses	17,046	17,342	(296)
Depreciation	1,673	976	697
Diocesan Quota	<u>13,840</u>	<u>11,828</u>	<u>2,012</u>
Total Parish Administration	\$57,774	\$50,401	\$7,373

Church Operation

Maintenance	\$10,013	\$16,454	(6,441)
Depreciation	18,130	15,959	2,171
Insurance	<u>8,339</u>	<u>5,582</u>	<u>2,757</u>
Total Church Expense	\$36,482	\$37,995	(\$1,513)

Parish Hall

Maintenance & Supplies	\$27,115	\$26,705	\$410
Depreciation	18,143	18,143	0
Insurance	3,589	3,739	(150)
Utilities	<u>10,323</u>	<u>9,856</u>	<u>467</u>
Total Hall Expense	\$59,170	\$58,443	\$728

Rectory

Maintenance	\$19,305	\$13,055	\$6,250
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	FY 2025-2026	FY 2024-2025	Difference
Depreciation	1020	801	219
Food, Insurance, Other	<u>9,399</u>	<u>9,424</u>	<u>(25)</u>
Total Rectory Expense	\$29,724	\$23,280	\$6,444
Office Building			
Maintenance	\$5,901	\$4,252	\$1,649
Tax Assessment	15	15	0
Depreciation	<u>3,742</u>	<u>2,921</u>	<u>\$821</u>
Total Office Building	\$9,658	\$7,188	\$2,470
Parking Lot & Grounds			
Maintenance	\$4,595	\$2,310	\$2,285
Landscaping	7,342	4,249	3,093
Depreciation	4,269	4,269	0
Utilities	<u>346</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>(\$48)</u>
Total Parking Lot & Grounds	\$16,552	\$11,222	\$5,330
Pastoral/Liturgical			
Clergy Salary / Medical / Retirement	\$50,858	\$45,797	\$5,061
Books/Flowers/Supplies	<u>11,824</u>	<u>11,232</u>	<u>592</u>
Total Pastoral / Liturgical	\$62,682	\$57,029	\$5,653
Music			
Musicians	<u>\$21,950</u>	<u>\$28,048</u>	<u>(\$6,098)</u>
Total Musicians	\$21,950	\$28,048	(\$6,098)
Religious Education			
Salaries & Supplies	<u>\$5,801</u>	<u>\$4,748</u>	<u>\$1,053</u>
Total Religious Education	\$5,801	\$4,748	\$1,053
Total Expenses	\$299,796	\$278,354	\$21,438.61
Income - Expenses*	\$50,779	\$112,085	(\$61,303)

*The FY 2024-2025 number includes money raised for the new doors in the Church Building and Office Building, but does not contain the corresponding expenses, which occurred in FY 2025-2026. The FY 2025-2026 includes money donated for rectory repairs. Some of those expenses will occur in FY 2026-2027.