

Annual Report

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Dear Friends,

From time to time God offers us a particular opportunity to pause and turn to Him for understanding, wisdom and grace. We are living in one such time. The mission of the church – to make Jesus present in the world for our life and salvation – has not changed. How God is leading us to go about that is changing. The older parish models we are attached to are no longer viable. Even though we may love the old wine, it is time for new wine, and new wineskins. And faith dares us to believe, that in time, the new wine will be good!

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wineskins. [And] no one who has been drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'" Luke 5:37-39

We need not be afraid, but we do need to be informed and open to where the Holy Spirit is leading us. There are too few priests to serve the number of parishes we have. Across the diocese we have more buildings than we need or can afford. Some parishes, ours included, have wonderful and vibrant ministries that do make Jesus Christ present, but often struggle to fund them. **Here at Christ the King our financial situation is concerning. We have our work cut out for us!** The old wineskin can no longer hold the wine.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." Matthew 13:51-52

In the upcoming months, each parish in the whole diocese will be engaging in the "Re-Made for Mission" process. Together we are called to be like the scribe, who as the head of the household, will bring **both the old and the new** as we build the Kingdom of Heaven. That is our universal mission. There are many wonderful parish and diocesan resources to meet those needs. The ultimate goal is to further the mission of the Church. This will be hard and noble work that goes well beyond "save my church building". It must be selfless and holy work that says "these are our gifts to be used for the universal mission of the Church".

Let us make the Collect for the Mass for Holy Church our prayer this year.
In Service of the Gospel,

O God, who in your wonderful providence decreed that Christ's kingdom should be extended throughout the earth and that all should become partakers of his saving redemption, grant, we pray, that your Church may be the universal sacrament of salvation and that Christ may be revealed to all as the hope of the nations and their Savior. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Rick



PARISH HIGHLIGHTS



MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIVERSITY

This new ministry serves as a platform where people from diverse background can share and strengthen their Catholic faith through their unique expressions of faith largely influenced by the culture or country where they came from. We are a welcoming church. We encourage those whose origin is outside of the US to attend. Let's all gather and celebrate the diversity in our midst. The group played a special role in the Pentecost Masses.



NEW PARISH WEBSITE AND INSTAGRAM

Our parish website underwent a major overhaul and the parish is now active on Instagram, reaching out to younger age groups in our universal church.



HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE SITE

Our parish was one of the pilgrimage sites for the inaugural Holy Thursday "pilgrimage in the footsteps of Jesus".

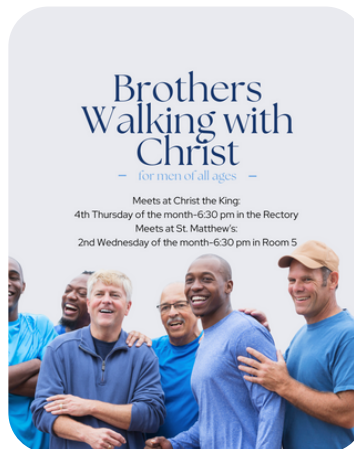


WRESTLING WITH GOD: PARISH MISSION WITH FR. RED

Fr. Red joined us for an extra special three-night parish mission that was attended by parishioners and others from around the diocese.

BROTHERS WALKING WITH CHRIST

Men of all ages have both a need and a desire to discover and embrace God in their everyday lives. Not as some thin veneer of piety set apart from our struggles and triumphs, but as a deep awareness of Jesus walking with us in every corner of our lives. To meet the hunger men have for an honest, whole, and holy (not perfect – that's something else) life, St Matthew's Church and Christ the King Church began a men's ministry this year where men of any age in both parishes are invited to join with Fr. Rick and each other.



BOOK CLUB

A book club began in cooperation with St. Matthew's Church.





PASTORAL COUNCIL

Throughout 2024 and 2025, the Pastoral Council remained dedicated to fostering a spiritually enriched community. We continued to highlight the contributions of our church ministries and community organizations in the parish bulletin and weekly emails.



A warm welcome was extended to all new parishioners who joined our church family this year. Through our outreach, social gatherings and ongoing communications we helped to integrate them into the life of the parish, ensuring they felt at home and supported in their faith journey.

In alignment with our diocesan mission, the Pastoral Council actively supported the Diocesan Appeal. Through our collective effort, we encouraged parishioners to contribute, helping to sustain essential ministries and programs that serve the broader Catholic community.



Throughout the past year, the Pastoral Council actively considered and participated in meetings involving the Synod called by Pope Francis. The implementation phase of the Synod was initiated by Pope Francis on March 11 of 2024. We expect that the changes in the Church contemplated by the Synodal Process will continue throughout the coming year and beyond.



The Pastoral Council has discussed and considered the implementation of a new Faith Formation model at our parish which places the whole family at the heart of growing in faith! Family Faith Formation will begin at Christ the King Church this Fall.

In addition, this past Spring, the Pastoral Council was introduced to the Church's "Re-Made for Mission" initiative. We recently participated in an on-line meeting regarding Phase 1 of the "Re-Made for Mission" program and expect to be actively engaged in this endeavor as it develops.



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FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

This year we welcomed Marge Stockwell and Rebecca Hanson on the CTK staff!

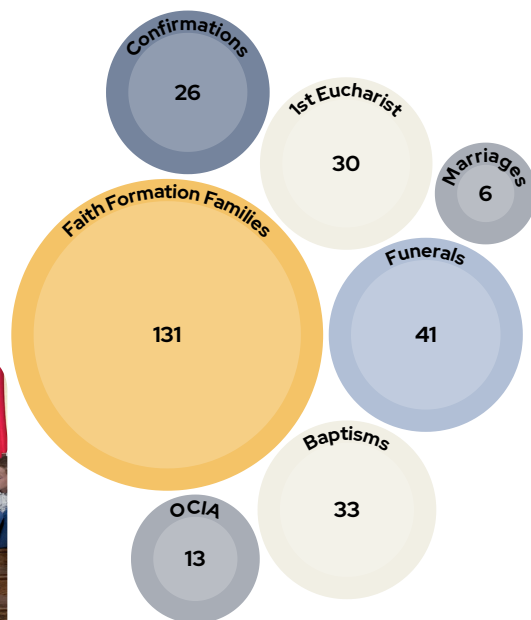
CTK Adult Faith Formation offered an array of gatherings in the "Coffee and Conversation" series which included: completion of "Genesis to Jesus" Bible study; a musical presentation on the Psalms; a discussion of Tradition -v- tradition; and presentations by Fr. Dan Quinn on his journey along the Camino de Santiago and a local physician on Evangelization in Action. A Parish Mission "Wrestling with God" was offered over three evenings in October 2024 by Redemptorist priest "Fr. Red" and was widely attended.

"Keepers of the Kingdom" Vacation Bible School was attended by 29 children ranging from grade levels Prekindergarten through 5th grade. Ten Middle School and High School aged youth led campers through the activities each day, including Bible stories, outdoor games, craft and music, and were guided by the help of eight adults. The children really enjoyed it and were engaged in their faith.

Service activities included: creating Christmas and Valentine cards for distribution through the Visitation Ministry (coordinated by Family Life Ministry); a "Chores for the Poor" collection (monetary) by elementary school aged children to augment a collection of non-perishable food by Middle School youth for assembly of Thanksgiving meal boxes for several families in need; and the donation of hams and non-perishable food for donation to the St. John/St. Ann's Outreach Center for Christmas dinners.

Middle School and High School Faith Formation was enhanced by several activities. Activities facilitated by the Family Life Ministry included Adoration and S'mores, learning about the origin and tradition of the Advent wreath while assembling their own for use at home, and the history and importance of the Divine Mercy message and devotion followed by Adoration. In addition, a teaching Mass was celebrated by the pastor to provide catechesis on the prayers, rites and other elements of the Mass and smiles were seen throughout the church.

Children and youth of all grade levels served in various liturgical roles during regular Masses from November through April. Roles included greeters, lectors, procession leaders, and gift bearers, in addition to ongoing participation by many youth as altar servers and members of the Youth Choir. Meanwhile, Children's Liturgy of the Word was resumed in November 2024 after a hiatus of several years. It is offered once a month and is attended by as many as 15 children each time.



MEDIA

This fiscal year we had...

Facebook Reach: 33.5K profiles

Website Visits: 9.4K

Newsletters: 55.1K emails delivered/year

Newsletter Open Rate: 62% (17% higher than industry average)

Highest Performing Facebook Post: Inaugural meeting of the Ministry of Spiritual Diversity - 1.7K profiles reached

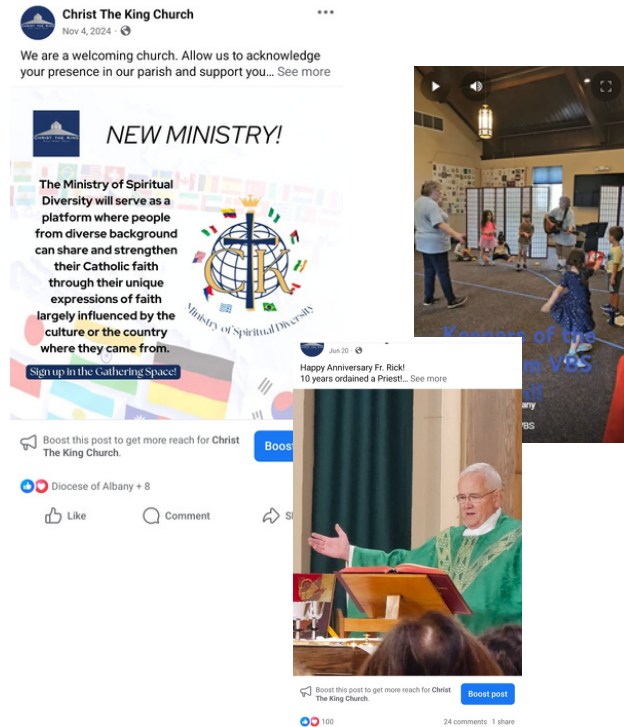
Christmas and Easter Paid Ads: 2.2K and 11.1K profiles reached respectively

YouTube (@ChristtheKingAlbany) Views: 647

Bulletins: ~21,840 copies/year

On Facebook, viewers loved our post celebrating Fr. Rick's 10th Anniversary as a priest. Our VBS "Keepers of the Kingdom" recap amassed the greatest number of views on YouTube.

This year we launched our new website, an Instagram Profile (@ctkalbany) and began a Photography Ministry.

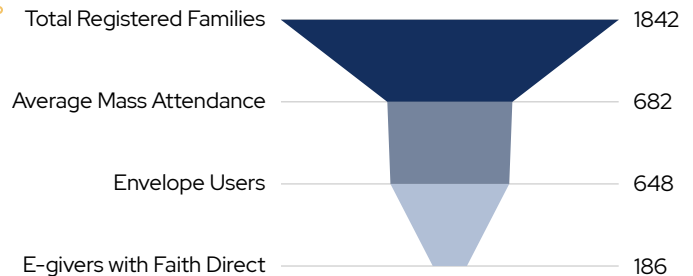


BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

*New light pole replaced in main parking lot & protective concrete bollards installed * Termite bait stations installed around perimeter of the rectory & church * Boiler pump 2 (serving main sanctuary) replaced * Guilderland Food Pantry Anniversary & Fundraiser held in CTK gym, \$12K was raised * All sanctuary pews & padded chairs, confessional & Knights Room carpets were cleaned * Classroom 112 new sheetrock ceiling repairs completed * Church fire sprinkler inspections, three & five-year tests completed * 9 ministry volunteers trained on the AED machine * New contract for multi-functional copiers/printers/scanners signed & equipment installed in Parish Center & Rectory * Rectory driveway asphalt sealed * Church sewer drains flushed out to the street * HVAC PMs completed quarterly * Rectory brick chimney masonry repairs completed, & chimney caps installed * School boilers replaced worn flame sensors & igniters; new expansion tank installed * Parish Center side vestibule brick masonry repairs completed * New digital water meter as required by the Town of Guilderland, purchased & installed in parish center basement * Annual inspections and recommended repairs were performed on Parish Center roof, handicap doors/openers, & church emergency lighting

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PARISH PROFILE



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Support Christ the King Parish through eGiving with ParishSOFT! This secure, convenient giving method ensures a consistent cash flow for our parish, helping us budget and sustain our ministries. Easily donate online, by phone, or through the app—no more worrying about checks or envelopes. eGiving saves time, reduces paper waste, and ensures your support reaches the parish even when you're away.

It's a win-win for everyone!

Join today!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

In lieu of electronic giving, if you are not receiving parish offertory envelopes and would like to receive them, please call the parish office at 518-456-1644.



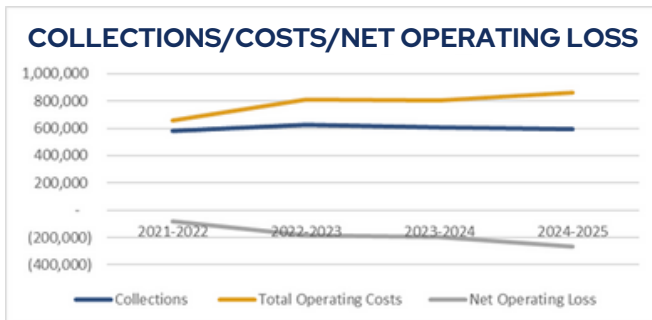
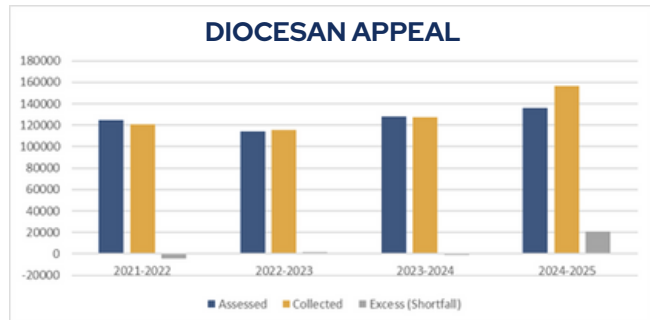
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FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2025

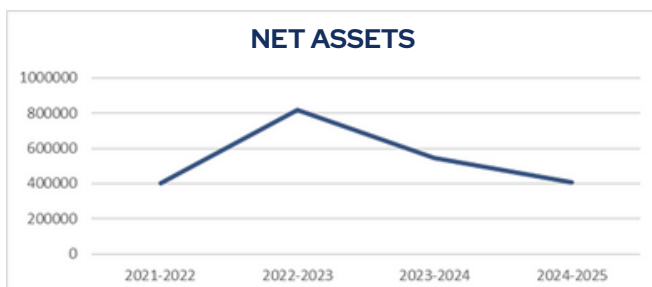
As part of the Re-Made for Mission initiative, the Diocesan Finance Office is evaluating the fiscal position of each parish in the diocese, identifying each as Favorable, Stable, Concerning, Critical, or Dire condition.

Christ the King has a "Critical" score. How did we get here? Large, delayed maintenance projects (roofs, HVAC, parking lots) were paid for out of savings. Our collections have not increased with expenses and inflation, widening the gap between our income and our expenses. The parish has covered several years of losses at the Early Childhood Center. The Early Childhood Center now has a balanced budget and going forward we can continue to offer childcare in the community. Our Balance Sheet includes significant old, disputed debts owed to the diocese from years ago. Bottom line: We have wonderful ministries here, but we will not be able to sustain them unless our revenue increases. Please review all the data and prayerfully consider your contributions. **We have work to do.**

Income and Expenses	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Revenue				
Collections	578,972	623,435	605,425	595,111
Other Revenue	129,281	167,697	156,203	122,802
Total Revenue	708,253	791,132	761,628	717,913
Expenses				
Personnel Costs (incl Clergy)	313,196	367,507	439,861	443,259
Building and Facilities Costs	152,425	200,055	176,828	211,048
Other Operating Costs	192,720	242,778	186,273	204,332
Total Expenses	658,341	810,340	802,962	858,639
Net Operating Income (Loss)	49,912	(19,208)	(41,334)	(140,726)
Extraordinary items:				
RIOF	29,635	21,091	8,090	8,729
Capital Improvements	31,393	187,068	290,197	9,373



COVID PPP created a temporary artificial bump in our balance sheet. **At this point the parish only has 3 months of cash reserves.**



Avg Weekly Contribution	# of People	% of Total
zero	1221	78%
< \$1/week	64	4%
\$1-\$5/week	96	6%
\$6-\$10/week	47	3%
\$11-\$20/week	71	5%
\$21-\$50/week	48	3%
Over \$50/week	18	1%
# Donors in System	1565	100%
# Giving at least \$1/wk	280	18%
# Giving zero or < \$5/week	1381	88%
Effect of Increased Offertory*		
Increase \$1/Week		14,560
Increase \$2/Week		29,120
Increase \$3/Week		43,680
Increase \$4/Week		58,240
Increase \$5/Week		72,800
Increase \$10/Week		145,600
If anyone giving <\$10/week gave \$10		70,460
* Based on 280 donors giving at least \$1/week		

Everything has become more expensive, and our collections have been static. **Our negative cash flow has placed us in a critical situation.** The continued sustainability of our parish in the Re-Made for Mission model depends on your generosity! Please consider increasing your contributions and utilizing the option for E-Giving.