



THE HANDS OF CHRIST...

OPEN TO ALL



St. Joseph
Parish

Annual Report 2024-2025



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Welcome

Dear St. Joseph Family,

As I complete my first full year as your priest, I am filled with gratitude for the many ways God has blessed our parish community as demonstrated in this annual report. The annual report is not a document of stats, but a testament of a community that truly strives to be Christ's hands—open to all, reaching out in compassion, service, and love. For behind every number is the staff who pour their hearts into serving our community, the poor who are cared for, the sick ministered to, the beloved dead buried, the mourning comforted, the children introduced to Christ, and the newlyweds and baptized celebrated. This is what we celebrate in this report.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to our mission.

May this report inspire us to continue walking together as disciples of Christ, ever faithful to His call.

With prayerful thanks,



Rev. Timothy
Schumaker,
Parish Pastor

Parish

Registered Households

Families	Members	New Families
1,269	3,106	81

Mass Attendance

Reported average

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
2025	412	298	381
2024	351	253	367
2023	339	266	376
2022	367	231	315

Vision Statement

United in faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we at Saint Joseph Parish are a faith community rooted in Christ that strives to live our baptismal call through proclaiming God’s word, celebrating Christ’s presence among us, and reaching out to God’s people in lives of stewardship and service. Our faith journey is guided by prayer, liturgy, education, and social outreach.



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Statement of Financial Activity

<i>For Year Ended June 30,</i>	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	2026 Budget
Parish Contributions	\$ 1,365,053	\$ 1,359,860	\$ 1,283,925	\$ 1,384,713
School Tuition & Fundraising	1,158,901	1,097,561	1,027,974	1,126,572
Other Revenues	172,820	126,480	188,400	129,427
Interest Income	50,017	40,000	44,940	40,000
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 2,746,791	\$ 2,623,901	\$ 2,545,239	\$ 2,680,712
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,926,108	\$ 1,927,026	\$ 1,815,044	\$ 2,002,320
Utilities & Maintenance	214,986	233,600	229,613	235,325
Other Expenses	535,860	435,305	448,355	443,067
Total Expenses	\$ 2,676,954	\$ 2,595,931	\$ 2,493,011	\$ 2,680,713
Operating Surplus	\$ 69,837	\$ 27,970	\$ 52,228	\$ (0)
RESTRICTED:				
<i>For Year Ended June 30,</i>	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	2026 Budget
Restricted Income	\$ 185,878	\$ 49,000	\$ 210,059	\$ 39,000
Less Restricted Expenses	300,319	75,850	143,488	39,000
Restricted (Deficit) / Surplus	\$ (114,440)	\$ (26,850)	\$ 66,571	\$ -

Final numbers pending approval by Archdiocese

Statement of Financial Activity Cont.

During the 12 months ended June 30, 2025, the Parish had a very solid financial year. Stewardship from parishioners saw an increase of 6.3% over the prior year and continues to be alive and well at St. Joseph Parish.

Our school continues to live out its mission as the Hands of Christ Open to All. Through its participation in the Parental Choice program, welcoming students with a variety of special needs, and growing our early childhood program, our school continues to be a gift to our parish and wider community.

During the year, we finished with an operating surplus of nearly \$70K. The combination of committed donors and school families coupled with fiscal discipline has helped us achieve this result.

Beyond our standard operating budget, we have also invested in our parish and school. We installed a PA system to enhance our security, replaced aging boilers, and welcomed Fr. Tim to his new home in our renovated Rectory. Funds raised through your generous commitment to the Love One Another Campaign have made these projects come to life. We continue to discern the best use of these funds in our parish, on our grounds, and for our cemeteries.

What a way to cap off 175 years of the Catholic Church alive in Grafton, Wisconsin!

We give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings -- our parishioners, our financial stability, growth in our parish, and faith to carry on His mission.



Lisa Jauron,
Business
Manager



*The Love One Another
Campaign is a bold plan to:
Strengthen every parish*



Original Goal \$1,603K
St. Joseph Share \$962K

Pledged to date \$1,200K
St. Joseph Share \$720K

Paid to date \$946K
St. Joseph Share \$568K

Completed projects

- Middle School Roof \$54K
- Gathering Hall Paint \$10K
- Los Toros Meeting Space \$10K
- Cemetery Road, Water, Driveway and Culvert \$23K
- Rectory Boiler \$10K
- Siding for Garages \$7K
- Campus PA System \$15K
- Boiler Replacement \$140K
- Rectory Renovation \$19K

Future projects under consideration

- Carpeting: Gathering Hall, Balcony Stairs
- Columbaria at St. Joseph Cemetery
- Replace Church Pews
- Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Replacements
- Baptism Font

Letter from our Trustees

Our past 2024-25 church year has been a year of transition and a year of hope. This year we welcomed a trifecta of Pastoral leaders at all levels of the Catholic Church. Just a few months ago, many anxiously awaited the white smoke and announcement “Habemus papam!” – “We have a pope!” Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Prevost of Chicago, Illinois and the first North American born elected pope.

Not too long before that in January, we had a new Archbishop of Milwaukee, Jeffrey Grob, installed to shepherd our Diocese. Closer to home, we welcomed Fr. Tim Schumaker as St. Joseph Parish’s Administrator and cheered at the announcement of Archbishop Grob that Fr. Tim was to be our Pastor. We look forward to the formal celebration of Fr. Tim’s installation as Pastor this December. The impact of their service is already being felt, and we thank God for sending these men into our lives and pray for their strength and spiritual leadership in a very challenging world.

St Joseph Parish also saw several other pastoral and administrative changes in staff that impact a variety of aspects of Parish life. Andy Smith, Director of Music Ministry, took over the reins (or maybe more appropriately the piano/organ keys) from Bill Stevens. Lisa Jauron, our Business Manager, took over the books from Deacon Scott Wiese. And we have a team of talented individuals leading St. Joseph Parish School with the departure of our long-term principal, Amanda Matthews. We sincerely thank those who have been a part of writing the past story of St. Joseph Parish and we look forward to the many great things to come with our current leadership. Early in 2026 we will re-invigorate our search for a new school principal and continue to build on the past success of the important and inseparable ministry that is our Parish school.

This past year, we enjoyed the fruits of many months of praying and planning as we wrapped up the celebration of our 175th Anniversary with the dedication of our beautiful Holy Family Statue, with St. Joseph quietly displaying his usual strong leadership. We also celebrated the long-awaited conclusion of the Rectory renovation. These watershed moments and projects were made possible by the leadership of staff and Parish volunteers and through the generous donations of our Parishioners with funds raised as a part of the Love One Another campaign and direct donations. This past year we had the opportunity to thank Deacon Al Lazaga for his dedication in his Deaconate ministry and wish him well in his retirement. We also kicked off the St. Joseph Parish Knights of Columbus Chapter as we add another element to our outreach efforts.

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Letter from our Trustees Cont.

Pope Francis declared 2025 a year of hope. We are “Pilgrims of Hope”, trusting that in all of this change is the unveiling of God’s grand plan. We thank all the long-standing members and new additions to our parish staff and the many volunteers we have throughout the Parish – they are the ones we lean on to make our day-to-day parish life run smoothly.

They help us continue to do God’s work through the sacramental celebrations of baptisms, first eucharist, confirmation, weddings, funerals, weekend and weekday Masses, formation opportunities and the various forms of Catholic ministry and outreach that are at the core of St. Joseph Parish.

We remain a financially and spiritually healthy and faith-filled Parish. As always we extend our sincere thanks for your steadfast stewardship and support of our parish mission, “The Hands of Christ...Open to All”.

As trustees, we humbly serve St. Joseph Parish on the Pastoral and Finance Councils, and along with Fr. Tim, the Archbishop, and the Vicar for Clergy, are the directors of the corporation. In this next year we look forward to continuing to evaluate, plan for, and meet our various ministry and capital project needs. We remain grateful for all who play a role in our Parish through the giving of your time, talent and treasure. Without you, the past would not have been possible, without you, we could not look forward to writing the next chapter in the story that is St. Joseph Parish – Grafton, Wisconsin.

Peace to all,



Chuck Boehm,
Trustee
Treasurer



Lisa Delorit,
Trustee
Secretary

Sacraments

Baptisms

2024	33
2023	21
2022	32
2021	33
2020	22



First Eucharist

2024-2025	35
2023-2024	28
2022-2023	40
2021-2022	34
2020-2021	29



Confirmations

2023-2024	38
2023-2024	21
2022-2023	25
2021-2022	42
2020-2021	32



Sacraments

OCIA

2024-2025	5
2023-2024	1
2022-2023	1
2021-2022	2
2020-2021	7



*"The Church is the
house of the Father"
Pope Francis*



Adult Confirmations

2024-2025 2

*"Welcome one another, then, as Christ
welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

Romans 15:7



Sacraments

Marriages

2024-2025	5
2023-2024	7
2022-2023	7
2021-2022	5
2020-2021	7



Funerals

2024-2025	46
2023-2024	35
2022-2023	34
2021-2022	44
2020-2021	34



Worship and Celebrations

All Souls



Grafton Christmas Parade



St. Nicholas



Christmas



Worship and Celebrations

Christmas Fundraising Success: Tree and Nativity



Holy Week



Worship and Celebrations

Divine Mercy Sunday



May Crowning



Deacon Al 33 Yrs of Ministry



Beth 20 Yrs, Linda 40 Yrs Signing Masses

Celebrations

Welcome Fr. Timothy Schumaker



June 1, 2025
Archbishop Grob
appointed
Fr. Timothy Schumaker
as our Parish Pastor!



Celebrations

St. Joseph Feast Day | March 19th



Feast Day Potluck began with Mass and was followed by fellowship with a potluck dinner.

There were about 100 people in attendance.



Morning of Reflection | March 2025



Thirty-six of our parish volunteers joined us for a morning of reflection and renewal. We began with Mass, had a nice breakfast, and then reflected on our involvement in the parish and how to solicit more volunteers.

Ministries

E-Cycle



Along with Congregation Shalom, St. Joseph Parish collected 8 tons of electronic waste that won't go into landfills.

Donations

Through the month of October our generous parish has donated to the empty baskets 15 blankets. Over 50 toothbrushes, mouthwash and toothpaste.

Over 50 bottles of soap and shampoo.

Countless warm articles of clothing.

These items go to organizations that support the needy, including Repairs of the Breach, Family Promise, McCannon Brown Center, and the House of Peace.

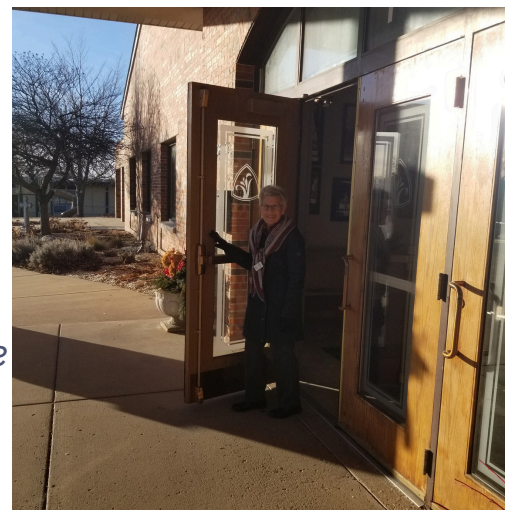


Weekend Secretaries



Volunteers

"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Matthew 10:8



Mass Greeters

Ministries

85 Ministries Strong and Growing

Reflection



Over 80 people attended Fr. Tim's talk on the Mass entitled
The Sacred Mysteries

Capuchin Communities serves food to homeless and needy families in Milwaukee. Collected about 103 boxes of food - that means we fed 103 families!



Respect Life Weekend

Ministries

Scripture Study



(not all pictured)

Weekly meetings on Wednesdays to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's readings. This faith community also supports one another with prayers and companionship as we grow in faith.



Twelve women met to discuss the book *Walking with a Purpose*. We grew in faith and relationship as we shared stories from our own lives.



St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Ministries

Women's Group - ***New Ministry***

Pastoral Associate Sheri Hanson, introduced this new ministry in fall of 2024.

The ministry focuses on spiritual growth, community support through activities with guest speakers, prayer, bible/book studies, devotions and pilgrimages to local sacred places; twice a month meetings.



Brenda Cline was the first guest speaker of our Women's Group this year. Fifty women joined in faith discussions



Field trip to the Basilica of St. Josaphat with Fr. Tim. Twenty-two women joined us. A tour guide shared history of the Basilica and then Fr. Tim shared some of his stories.

First Fruits, which is a place for women to grow in faith together. Joan spoke to twenty-eight women at our parish and invited us to look for God everywhere and talked about her own faith journey.



Joan
Carey,
from First
Fruits

Ministries

Women's Group cont.

Fourteen women from our parish traveled to Holy Hill in the fall. Group walked around the grounds, visiting the Stations of the Cross, and then attended Mass together.



Madonne Rauch, Director of Stewardship, led twenty-six women in a reflection on their personality. Women reflected on how to relate to people with different personalities.



We all share common traits and tendencies, but each of us is a one of a kind individual, passionately loved by God.



Twenty-seven women met to reflect on women in Scripture. Maureen Rotramel, Director of Faith Formation at St. John XXIII, led our reflection. One question we considered was: How can and do women take leadership roles in their families, communities, and parishes?

Ministries

Women's Group cont.

Parishioners met and reflecting on women in the Bible and how their diverse roles, including leaders, prophets, and devoted followers, displayed virtues like courage, faith, and loyalty.



Ladies of Charity Lenten Reflection with Brenda Cline



Eleven women from our women's group gathered together for a morning of reflection at First Fruits in Elm Grove, WI.

Their faith leaders led us in a reflection on how big God is - and how we often perceive him as smaller than he is. It was a peaceful morning of faith sharing and community building.

Women's Group field trip to the St. Joseph Chapel.
Five women toured the newly remodeled Chapel.



Ministries

Women's Group cont.



Thirty-five women from our parish gathered on a Saturday in May for a celebratory breakfast to mark the end of the first year of our Women's Group.



Choir

St. Joseph singers are entrusted with the musical parts of the Mass. The choir sings the Mass just as our priest celebrates the Mass.

Sacred Music is part of our liturgy and the role of the choir is to pray them through singing.



January 2025 Andy Smith joined us as our Director of Liturgical Music

Ministries

Men's Group



Character counts, and a positive fit with the team brings out everyone's best.

This was one of the messages shared by Wayne Larrivee, the Voice of the Green Bay Packers, as he shared stories and wisdom from his career in sports broadcasting.

Over 100 people filled the Gathering Hall for this event in fall.



Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

An interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

Ministries

Men's Group cont.



*In Service to One,
In Service to All*

A Knights of Columbus council was started at St. Joseph's. This is a local group of Catholic men who are members of the national organization, dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Our council will support the church, their members, and our local community through religious, charitable, and social activities.

Mission

*Together, we're empowering
Catholic men to live their
faith at home, in their
parish, at work and in their
community.*

Our Faith

*Our goal is to help men, their families
and their parishes grow closer to Christ.
Through our programs and resources, we
provide opportunities to live and spread
the Catholic faith.*



Forty-five parishioners
attended in person



Rosary Talk with Fr. Tim
and the Knights of
Columbus in Spring



Fourteen parishioners
watched online

Rectory

Renovations



Project Leads
Mark & Ann Leonardelli



Countless other parish volunteers!



Ministries

Los Toros



Parishioners received a blessing before traveling to Los Toros in the Dominican Republic in early January to spend approx. two weeks in Los Toros serving the people.

One of the newer projects of the Los Toros Mission, the after-school tutoring program, is now in its second year. Forty-one students from seven to eleven years of age are getting extra help from tutors three days a week. The subjects included are math, reading, writing and grammar.



Mercedes, the leader of the Sewing Center, gratefully relieved for a sewing machine donated by our parish.

Ministries

Los Toros cont.



Our Farmer's Market raised \$5K to support our
Los Toros Mission



St. Joseph has been part of a parish
international mission with the
village of Los Toros in the
Dominican Republic since 1987.

Mission Sunday raised over
\$18K this year!

175th

Thank you!

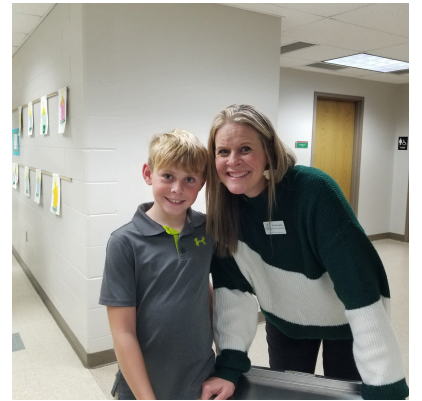
Our parish came together to contribute their time and treasure to help our community celebrate our 175th Anniversary with a new Holy Family statue. A reception for four-hundred and fifty people was held. A commemorative book was designed for this occasion. Small celebrations were held throughout the year too!

Here's to another 175 years!



175th

Thank you!



Faith Formation

Child Ministry K4 - Grade 5



30 VBS campers

11 - K4 - K5 CGS
11 - 1st Graders
24 - 2nd Graders
14 - 3rd Graders
17 - 4th Graders
15 - 5th Graders
12 - Catechists



Faith Formation

Child Ministry K4 - Grade 5



First Reconciliation began with a retreat before our 2nd graders received the sacrament for the first time.



The Good Shepherd finds His sheep



Scissors and Fr. Tim visit our 5th Graders



Memorial of St. Blaise
Blessing of Throats

Faith Formation

Youth Ministry



12 - 6th Graders
11 - 7th Graders
13 - 8th Graders
5 - Core Team Leaders

Edge Middle School Formation



6th - 8th Grade



This program provides a fun and safe environment where young people can build Catholic community, learn about their faith, and encounter Jesus personally through a combination of regular meetings, catechetical sessions, and social and service activities. The program aims to help middle schoolers grow in their faith and apply it to their lives

Faith Formation

Youth Ministry



21 - 9th Graders
21 - 8th Graders
4 - Core Team Leaders

Life Teen High School Formation



Life Teen is an international Catholic youth ministry program for high school students that aims to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

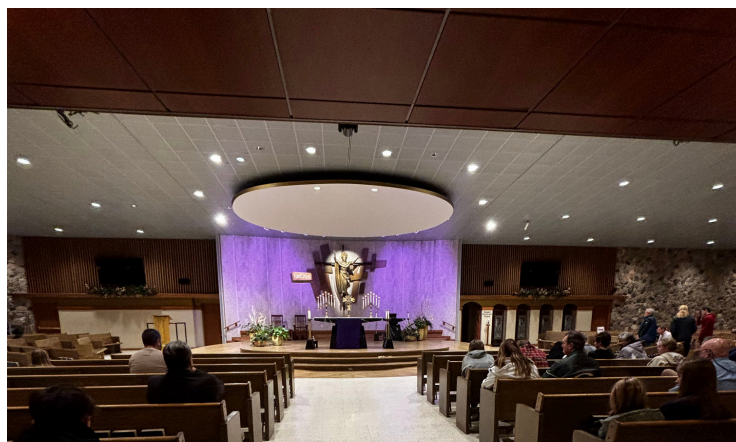
It provides a comprehensive, faithful, and creative approach to ministry, combining teachings, social activities, prayer, and fellowship to create an engaging environment.

A key part of the program is its strong emphasis on the Eucharist



Faith Formation

Youth Ministry High School



Advent

Exalt - XLT

Lent

A Night of Message, Music, Adoration and Reconciliation

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others." St. John Paul II, Pope

Confirmation Retreat December 2024



36 Teens
9 Adult Leaders
2 Peer Leaders

Faith Formation

Youth Ministry Mission Trip

Kansas
City, KS

June 2025
20 Teens
6 Adults



House Painted
Shrubs Cleared
Replaced Water
Heater



City Block
Cleaned up
Cleared
Porch Painted
Wheelchair
Ramp Built

Parish School

Grades K3 - 8th



Mission Statement

Teaching, Learning, Leading, and
Serving as the Hands of Christ

131 Students

19 Scholarships Awarded

6 Major Fundraisers

3 Grants Awarded



St. Joseph Parish School provides a variety of extracurricular activities for students of all ages, aiming to nurture the whole child—mind, body, and spirit.



Parish School



Grades K3 - 8th



Dedicated Staff

12 Classroom Teachers
4 Specialists
1 School Counselor
1 Academic Interventionist

10:1

Student to Teacher Ratio
*Meeting each student's
individual academic and social
emotional goals.*



Fully Accredited
Catholic Grade
School



Member of
Wisconsin School
Choice providing
FREE tuition to
qualifying families

6 Specials

Art
Elective
Library
Music
Physical Education
Spanish

9 Outreach Activities per Year
13 Charities Supported
460 Hours of Middle School
Community Service



1:1
**Chromebooks
or iPads**

Parish School

Grades K3 - 8th

Extracurricular options available

- Advanced Math Opportunities
- Advanced Language Arts
- Christmas & Spring Concerts
- Creative Writing Contents
- Retreats
- Musical
- Children's Choir
- Little Buddy Program
- Scouting
- Band
- Piano, Guitar or Voice Lessons
- Community Service
- Various Teacher Led Clubs
- Forensics & STEM Events

~may differ by grade level~



Catholic Schools Walk Fun

Students had a fun opportunity, the top incentive for raising funds was an opportunity to tape their principal Amanda Matthews to a wall!

Parish School

Grades K3 - 8th



Fish Fries

Over 4,000 dinners served
Raised over \$49K

Congratulations SJPS for being awarded a \$12,000 grant!



The Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Love One Another School Grant, has generously awarded St. Joseph Parish School \$12,000 for hands-on Maker Space materials and Robotics Kits! We sincerely appreciate this grant, which will enhance our Maker Space resources and offer students more opportunities for learning.



CONGRATULATIONS SJPS! THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDED SJPS A \$17,000 GRANT!

The \$17,000 will be allocated to St. Joseph Parish School's Angel Fund. This fund offers additional tuition scholarships to families facing financial hardship that exceeds what our generous Scholarship Program can provide. This initiative helps ensure that families can continue to offer their children a Catholic education at St. Joseph Parish School.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Blankets for Children's Wisconsin



4th-8th Grade Students



Parish School

Grades K3 - 8th

Faith Development

- Incorporate religion and Catholic celebrations in our daily curriculum at all grade levels.
- Participate in and plan weekly Mass or prayer service.
- The religious formation taught in our homes is continued at SJPS encouraging children to recognize the presence of Christ in themselves and each other.



Academics

- Follow a rigorous curriculum including mathematics, history, English, science, STEM, foreign language and religious studies.
- Dedicated to encouraging all students to achieve their full potential.

Formation of the Whole Student

- Foster positive social and behavioral norms to promote good character.
- Promote and cultivate a healthy dynamic among students.
- Create an environment where everyone feels accepted, supported and encouraged.
- Support formation of the whole child: academically, emotionally, spiritually and socially.



Mrs. Sue Henke
School Secretary
Retired

Parish



Connect With Us

Join us for Mass



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues, Thurs, Friday
8:30am
Wednesday
5:00pm
First Saturday
8:30am



ADDITIONAL DEVOTIONALS

Tuesday
Our Lady of Perp. Help
Wednesday
St. Joseph
Friday
Divine Mercy Chaplet

*all devotionals follow Mass



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday
4:00pm
Sunday
8:00am & 10:30am



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

Wednesday
5:45pm - 6:45pm
Saturday
3:00pm - 3:45pm

Parish Office: 262-375-6500

School Office: 262-375-6505

Pastoral Staff

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Pastoral Associate: Sheri Hanson :: Ext. 175
Business Manager: Lisa Jauron :: Ext. 102
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Director of Stewardship: Madonne Rauch :: Ext. 122
Director of Child Ministry: John Knetzger :: Ext. 104
Director of Youth Ministry: KC Kranich :: Ext. 107



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