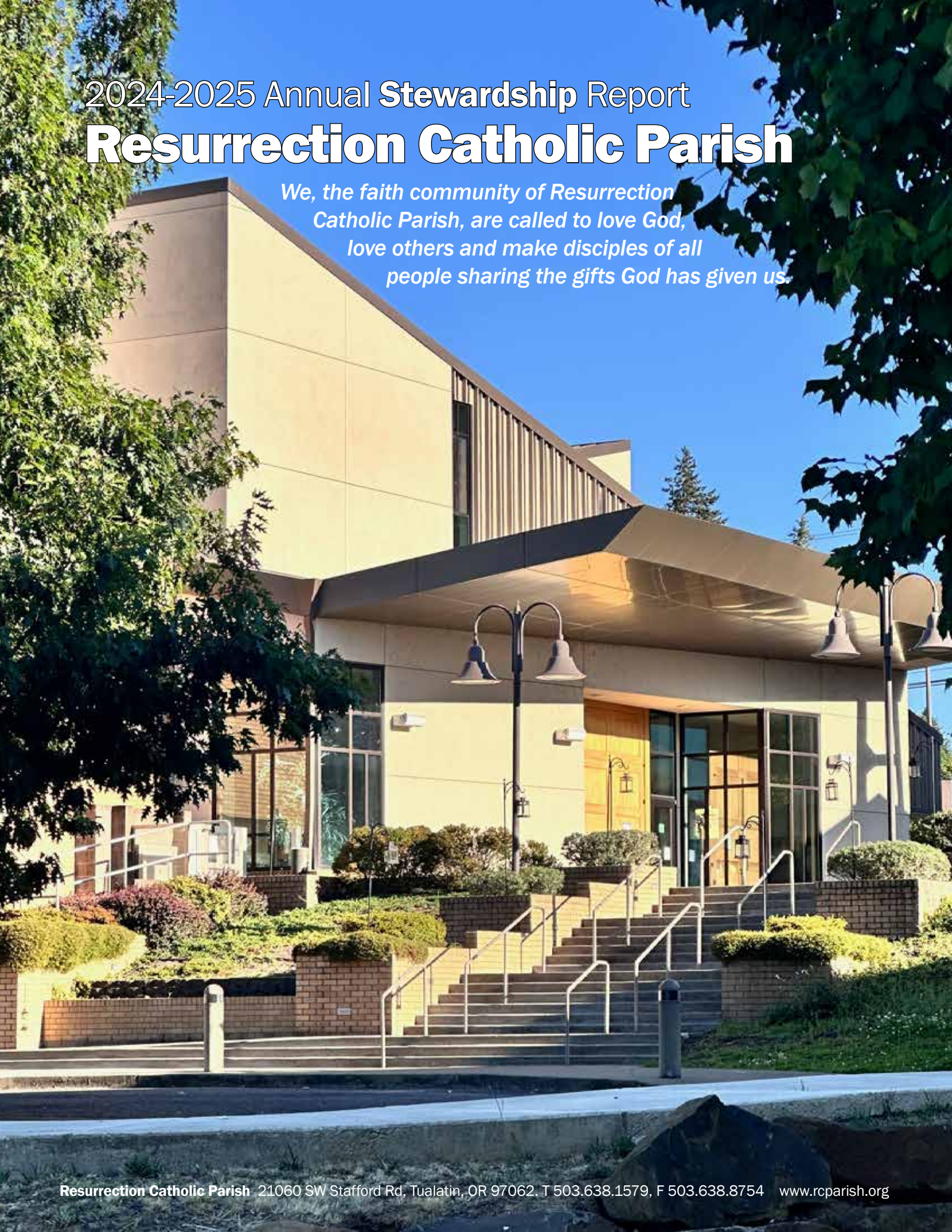
2024-2025 Annual **Stewardship** Report

Resurrection Catholic Parish

We, the faith community of Resurrection Catholic Parish, are called to love God, love others and make disciples of all people sharing the gifts God has given us.



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Reflecting on our 10 years of Stewardship

Dear members of Resurrection Catholic Parish,

In this Annual Report we reflect upon the reality of Resurrection Catholic Parish's Stewardship journey during the past year. This report portrays the generosity of our parishioners who reach out through our various parish ministries to those in need, in answering God's call to be disciples to all people and to be generous contributing financially to the work of our parish in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

We have now completed ten years without fundraisers. Following the lead of the US Bishops, we have abandoned the bartering system of the world as a support for our ministering to our community and to the external world. We no longer hold auctions and sales to raise money to further the Kingdom of God. Rather, we rely upon the work of the Holy Spirit to inspire us, the People of God, to give of ourselves, to give of our time, talent, and treasure to continue the work of the local Church in celebrating worship, in evangelizing our parishioners, and spreading the good news of the gospel to those with whom we encounter on the journey.

As your pastor, I believe in the Holy Spirit and I trust completely in the work of the Holy Spirit among us. It does take courage to do that. I remember when I was eight years old and first learning to swim. I remember the first time I let go of the side of the pool in the deep end and with great fear ventured to the other side, trusting and hoping that I would make it. I did.

I have been very pleased with your positive and generous response to the call of our US Bishops to be stewards of God's gifts to each one of us in terms of time, talent, and treasure. These gifts are freely given to us by God. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called by the Holy Spirit to support the work of the Church through our involvement and commitment.

Our parish could not do this holy work without each one of you. I ask that you listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is inspiring you to do as a member of the Body of Christ. Each call will be different. A call from the Holy Spirit is unique to each individual. I encourage each one of you to listen to the call of the Holy Spirit in terms of your giving of your time, talent, and treasure and that you then respond positively as Mary did to the angel at the time of the Annunciation.

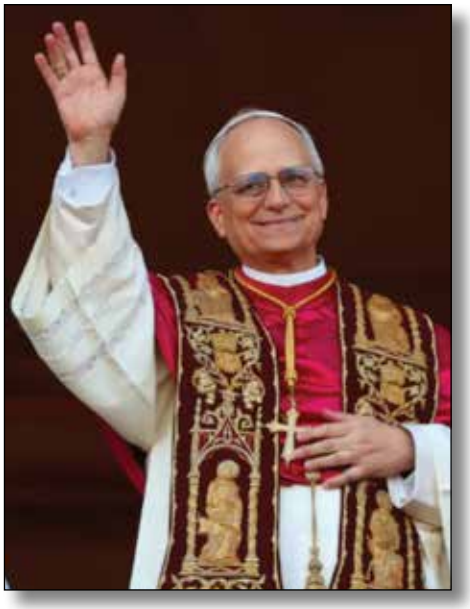
Fr. Bill Moisant

Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your Word.

AMDG (To the Greater Glory of God)

Fr. Bill Moisant, Pastor

Habemus Papam! Pope Leo XIV



Pope Leo XIV waves from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, May 8, 2025.

"Peace be with all of you!" were the first words of Pope Leo XIV. The Conclave of Cardinals elected Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome. On Thursday, May 8, 2025, white smoke billowed from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, signaling the end of the papal conclave and with it, the election of a new pope. The new pope was announced to the waiting crowds by Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti.

Pope Francis (born Jorge Mario Bergoglio December 17, 1936) was pope from March 13, 2013, until his death on April 21, 2025. He was the first Jesuit pope, the first Latin American, and the first born or raised outside Europe since the 8th-century Syrian Pope Gregory III.

A conclave was held on May 7 and 8, 2025, 16 days following the death of Francis, to elect a new pope to succeed Francis. Of the 135 eligible cardinal electors, all but two attended. On the fourth ballot, the conclave elected Cardinal Prevost, the prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. After accepting his election, he took the name Leo XIV.

Leo is the first US-born pontiff. He made his first remarks as pope from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in front of tens of thousands of onlookers, calling for peace and paying tribute to the late Pope Francis.

Pope Francis who passed away on April 21, 2025.

Leo, a 69-year-old from Chicago, is a leader with global experience. He spent much of his career as a missionary in South America and holds dual citizenship in the US and Peru, where he served as a bishop. He most recently led a Vatican office for bishop appointments.

(Compiled from news sources)

Prayer

A steward strives to nourish the soul through prayer. Prayer is as necessary to our souls as food is to our bodies. It is in prayer that we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Baptism Prep Ministry

This ministry is designed to prepare parents for the Sacrament of Baptism of their child(ren). Using the Ascension Press, "Belonging" video series, parents register with the parish, review the video materials and participate in two hour-long training sessions between the Masses approximately two weeks apart. These sessions occur throughout the year. An important part of the series is not only to educate parents about the Baptism rite and process, but also to create a sense of community within the small groups of 8-10 participants so that they feel a connection to the parish and to one another.

During the past year, 23 families were trained with 14 families baptizing 32 children in the faith. Three couples (Kielys, Millers and Neils) under the direction of Betsy Taylor, Faith Formation Director, trained the participants.

In September 2024, participants and their children attended the first reception for those Baptized during the past year. In the fall, we will hold another reception in September between the Sunday Masses in Rossman Hall. This is an opportunity for participants and their children to get re-acquainted and build lasting relationships with one another in the parish community.

If you are interested in becoming a team member, please contact Betsy Taylor in the parish office. *Mary Neil*

Music Ministry

This ministry is primarily represented by a group of parishioners who work together with Fr. Bill and Music Director Marcus Reynolds to provide music that supports the liturgy and encourages full and active participation by the assembly in worship.

When choosing music for the liturgy, we consider the relevance of our selections to the season, the daily readings, and the existing musical culture of the parish. We are interested in selecting music that reflects the rich musical history of the Catholic Church. We look to maintain our essential connection to the past while staying relevant to the needs of a modern parish.

We aim to energize and welcome while creating an atmosphere that is also prayerful and reflective. We make music a creative action stemming from the desire of our hearts to express a love for God.

Since 2017, the Resurrection Catholic Parish Choir has performed annually at the Grotto Festival of Lights and has supported the many liturgical celebrations held by the parish. We have premiered several new arrangements and original choral works by Director Marcus Reynolds. The music ministry has recently expanded to include the participation of the older children at Resurrection Catholic Parish School. School children sing and cantor at the Wednesday noon Mass during the school year, perform an annual Christmas Pageant in the church and a spring musical in Rossman Hall.

Moving forward, the music ministry hopes to make musical arrangements and Mass settings publicly available on the parish website and looks forward to greater integration with the school as it moves to a K-8 format.

The music ministry is currently looking for more people to join us on this

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PARISH CENSUS

Data collected from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

	2025	2020
Total parishioner families	1491	1505
Individual Catholics	2620	n/a
Newly registered individuals	70	n/a
Baptisms (including OCIA)	29	14
Confirmed (youth and OCIA)	28	22
All youth in Formation	87	193
Life Kids (pre-school - grade 5)	58	114
EDGE (grades 6 thru 8)	19	26
LIFETEEN (grades 9 thru 12)	10	53
First Communion (including OCIA)	35	n/a
OCIA Candidates/Catechumens	10	7
Resurrection School enrollment	110	65
Marriages	5	0
Deaths	9	0

Stewardship descriptions are adapted from "The Pillars of Parish Stewardship" from the Catholic Diocese of Wichita.

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journey of joyful service. If you have a musical background of any kind and are interested in contributing to the Music Ministry, we would love to hear from you. Currently we have several opportunities to get involved. Thank you for your continued support! *Marcus Reynolds*

Communion to the Homebound and Sick Ministry

We are a very active ministry in the parish that includes about 30 parish ministers going out to various locations at least monthly and for many on a weekly basis! We are always in need of additional ministers as our requests for Communion continue to grow. Training is provided for anyone interested in going out with our existing ministers.

Currently, we visit five retirement center communities weekly in the West Linn, Lake Oswego and Tualatin area. This includes Rose Linn Care Center and Tanner Springs Assisted Living/Memory Care in West Linn; Stafford Retirement Center in Lake Oswego; and Brookdale River Valley and Tualatin Marquis Rehab and Retirement Centers in Tualatin. Fr. Bill also typically joins us to say Mass at a specific location monthly on Thursdays.

We also bring Communion to homes of parishioners and adult care homes for those that cannot come to Mass due to major illnesses, surgery or permanent disabilities.

Many of the residents tell us how difficult it is for them not to be able to receive Holy Communion or attend Mass regularly. Our ministers are very grateful that we can visit those who are homebound and living in retirement centers. We truly cherish the connections made with them! *Judy Cook*

Lector Ministry

Six lectors are needed weekly to Proclaim the Word of the Lord at the three Masses. Lectors strive to not just "read the Word" but also project and infuse their readings with passion and convey the Lord's message to the congregation. There are 48 lectors on the current roster, and most have served during the year. Thirteen of these individuals joined this ministry during the past year.

Training is provided initially to each minister by the Team Lead, currently Mary Neil. Additionally, re-training is provided annually in the Fall to all ministers. Each week they receive an email update with pertinent information about the ministry, words of support and encouragement and a link to the volunteer sign up page.

If you have an interest in becoming a Lector, please contact Mary Neil at 503-349-6252 or hrdneil@gmail.com.

Taize-Style Prayer Ministry

As a boost to our parish's contemplative prayer life, a Taize-style singing prayer service took place monthly from October-May, at 7 pm in the church. Led by Youth Minister Kate Taylor, we had between 20 and 30 parishioners joining in prayer. It is a uniquely meditative, peaceful respite during our busy lives. We will resume again in October 2025. This is a comfortable place to invite friends, as it is an ecumenical kind of experience. As we continue to be Pilgrims of Hope in the Jubilee Year, this is a gift of quiet community. All are welcome. *Betsy Taylor*

Fr. Bill meets with children about to receive first communion.

Formation

The steward understands that the gifts received from God are to be shared and not buried. These gifts are to be shared with others with generous and grateful hearts.*

Pre-K through 12th Grade Faith Formation

Faith Formation for children from Pre-K to 12th grade has had a busy and successful 2024-2025 Ministry Year. Kate Taylor and Mayra Mendoza were the boots-on-the-ground Coordination Team, with Betsy Taylor providing support as the Director of Faith Formation.

Life Kids (Pre-K through grade four) met from October to May between the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses on the first and third Sundays of the month. It is a joint effort between our Faith Formation team, the families of Resurrection and volunteers who put together such a successful program. Each group meets with their Core Team of adults leading them with curriculum tailored to the individual groups and the liturgical year. Our volunteers also prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. A highlight of the year was the All-Saint's Trick or Treat event on November 3rd. We had one of our biggest turnouts ever, with saint booths (filled and created by a multitude of parishioners) winding throughout the Parish Hall. It is always a fun, inspiring way to celebrate the rich history of the Church.

Bridge, which met during the Life Kids time frame between the Masses, is our ministry to fifth and sixth graders. The goal of Bridge is to provide faith formation and growth opportunities to "bridge" between generations in our parish, "bridge" between our parish and the homebound (by taking the Eucharist to them) and "bridge" between our parish and the needy in our community

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especially through The Father's Heart and Family Promise. This has been an active, exciting ministry, putting discipleship into action.

Our seventh and eighth grade ministry focused on growing in discipleship to Jesus, building friendships and preparing children pursuing the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of their eighth-grade year. This year we had a group of over 20 participants, with a total of 20 candidates receiving the Sacrament in May, together with the high schoolers who were preparing separately.

The high school ministry followed the footsteps of Jesus during his ministry in the Holy Land, engaging in rich discussion and building friendships. They also participated in several off-campus service projects. A highlight of the year was providing a Trivia-Night style enrichment event for the kids at Family Promise during Spring Break and playing "Sardines" on the RCP campus.

The Faith Formation of our children and teens cannot be done without many dedicated adults to form the necessary adult core teams for each group. As an adult parishioner, please consider joining a core team. Talk to Kate Taylor (seventh to twelfth grade) or Lauren Hart (our new Life Kids and Bridge Faith Formation Coordinator.) *Betsy Taylor*

VBS Summer Ministry

For the 2024 and 2025 Vacation Bible School seasons, we have been traveling back to the Bible days to learn about what it was like to live in those times in an immersive perspective that is organized, guided and led by our Life Kids lead, Kate Taylor. In June 2025, we went back to Egypt of the (very) Old Testament to learn about the story of Joseph, how he was guided and loved by God, and how each one of us are guided and loved by God.

Our large team of amazing adult and teen volunteers made the week a success! We saw first-hand how they brought their time and talent to the children's lives to make it a truly rich and unforgettable experience. With about 60 children participating, we heard the Bible story from Joseph and his friend Merit, were immersed in an Egyptian marketplace and made new friends. We saw the joy and hope that the Lord provides through the commitment of the whole team and the involvement of our amazing kids. *Kate Taylor*

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Ministry

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group continues to be an active and vibrant part of Resurrection Parish. We celebrated the Jubilee Year of Hope with a trip to St Mary's Cathedral in Portland.

Now that Fall is here, we will be starting our 25th year of Women's Bible Study and Fellowship ministry. We look forward to meeting in our newly renovated Parish Hall. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30 as a large group for announcements and prayers and then break into small groups to work on the Bible study. The study this Fall 2025 will be "Equipping the People of God by the Power of the Holy Spirit." This is a Catholic Bible study published by Angie Lake, Women's Christian Fellowship, San Diego, CA.

Our goal has always been to be open and inviting to all women of the parish, to allow for learning the Bible together, and to share faith and life experiences. We search for a variety of Catholic Bible study publishers to appeal to our wide range of women.

We hope to continue to grow and welcome new women to our ministry. We currently have about 80 women involved. All are always welcome to join even if our study is already underway.

Judy Cook

Lenten Small Groups

We have a rich tradition of forming small groups before Lent to do a parish-wide focused study together. There are many wonderful outcomes of this ministry. One of those outcomes is deeper relationships and the building of the Body of Christ. Another is the gift of gleaning the wisdom, insight, inspiration of others as we focus on a specific study together. In 2025, we used the Ascension Press study, "Walking Toward Eternity—Daring to Walk the Walk" by Jeff and Emily Cavins. We had about 180 participants, some of whom commented about their experience:

"Thank you, thank you, thank you! I greatly appreciate the host being so welcoming. We had a relaxed and enjoyable learning experience."

"If you want to explore and learn more about our faith, join a small group! You will meet new people in the parish and make new friends as you grow in your relationship with God."

"Saying YES has never been more rewarding. Our group is phenomenal."

Betsy Taylor

Members of the Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Ministry pose in Rossman Hall.

OCIA –The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The OCIA Ministry (formerly known as RCIA) is shepherded by our OCIA Core Team and Betsy Taylor. We walk with each participant through four phases of growth: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Enlightenment and Mystagogy.

Our ministry is relational and conversational, revolving around topics key to becoming and growing as a Catholic. We rely on the Holy Spirit to gather those the Spirit has called, and we accompany them on this profound journey. Last year we accompanied 13 as they learned and discerned.

At Easter Vigil 2025, we welcomed six into the faith with baptism, eucharist and confirmation; one participant into full communion with the church with reception, eucharist and confirmation; and, two received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are filled with gratitude for the rich and rewarding experience and are looking forward to see who the Holy Spirit brings this coming year!

Betsy Taylor

Some of the members of the Brown Bag Bible Study.

Brown Bag Bible Study

This past year we have been participating in the weekly Brown Bag Bible Study led by Betsy Taylor. On any given week there are approximately 10 to 15 men and women who participate in the study. All parishioners are invited to join the Bible study at any time throughout the year.

This past year, our particular focus of study was Genesis using the *Come and See* series workbook and *The Catholic Study Bible*. In October we will begin the study of Exodus. We enjoyed studying scripture, prayer, fellowship, scholarship, and diversity of thought and expression.

Our involvement in Brown Bag Bible Study has helped us to be Pilgrims of Hope this Jubilee year by learning more about scripture, being deliberate in disciplined study, and to receive new insights and fresh understanding. By sharing in a group setting, we were blessed by other perspectives and thought processes.

The Bible study allowed us to get to know our fellow parishioners and multiply God's lessons for us through them. By sharing our own faith, we were able to store God's word more deeply in our hearts. By being in community with our Bible study friends, we became more aware of other opportunities to share and grow our faith by participating in other ministries as well.

We are filled with gratitude for the blessings we have had as we journey through this season of hope in the Jubilee year.

Jerry and Barb Britsch

Young Professionals Bible Study

This year our Bible study group has focused on topics related to the Jubilee. We have a small group of six young professionals who love to read and discuss scripture, with a typical attendance of three or four per session.

We started off the Jubilee year by studying the book of Philemon, Paul's very short letter on behalf of an escaped slave who learned what it meant to be truly free when he encountered the Gospel.

Next, we moved on to study John Bergsma's book, *Jesus and the Jubilee*, which details how the Jubilee Year factored into the Jewish law and history, how Jesus fulfilled the promises of the Jubilee, and how we experience the Jubilee blessings of redemption, release from spiritual bondage, return to our true home and family, and rest in God's fullness today in the Catholic Church.

Our study of the Jubilee year led us to take a pilgrimage to the Grotto where we experienced God's blessings through the St. Peregrine Mass offered there, and an encounter with the Relic of St. Peregrine. While there we also undertook a study of the "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134) that are thought to have been traditionally sung by Jewish pilgrims to express their hope in God and longing for His temple as they journeyed to reach Jerusalem. We too learned how to fruitfully express our longing for God's heavenly kingdom as we journey through our earthly pilgrimage.

We are closing out the year with a study of selections from the Bible's wisdom literature, starting with the opening nine chapters of the book of Proverbs, and will soon be moving into excerpts from Sirach and Wisdom.

If you're interested in joining us, please reach out! Each week we meet for an hour before the 11 AM Mass, currently in the back room of Rossman Hall. We would love to grow our group and add more perspectives to our discussions.

Kyle Johnson

Men's Retreat

Resurrection Catholic Parish just celebrated its second annual Men's Retreat on Saturday, September 13, 2025, in Rossman Hall.

As a standalone statement, this sentence might not merit much comment. But when viewed within the history of the Parish and how it came about, one might be reminded of the ubiquitous ways the Holy Spirit can influence our lives.

Consider the following.

The idea of hosting a Men's Retreat at Resurrection was started by Ed Mosey, a popular parishioner who was active in the Music Ministry and Men's Bible Study. In early December 2023, Ed mentioned to his friend Don Veatch his "crazy idea" to have a men's retreat at Resurrection and would Don help organize it? Ed and Don agreed to discuss it after the Christmas holidays.

Unfortunately, due to his tragic and untimely passing the week after Christ-

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mas in 2023, Ed didn't get the chance to drive his idea forward.

In January 2024, Don decided to run with Ed's idea and recruit a steering committee to help to build the structure needed – in conjunction with Fr. Bill and Parish staff – to host a Men's Retreat.

The 2024 Men's Retreat was held in Rossman Hall on September 6, 2024. It featured four witness talks by parish men, who discussed the challenges of living as 21st century Catholic men in a secular society. Thirty-four men attended and overall and was considered a success. No small achievement, perhaps, when one considers that it had been almost 20 years since the last Men's Retreat at Resurrection.

The now annual Men's Retreat, held September 13, 2025, featured Abbot Peter Eberle, OSB.

Because of the success in 2024, the Parish had the confidence to host a Men's Retreat as an annual event in 2025.

The second annual Men's Retreat, "Faith for the Journey – A Season of Hope," was held on Saturday, September 13, 2025. We featured keynote speaker Abbot Peter Eberle, OSB, of Mt. Angel, and three witness talks by Parish men. Thirty-nine men attended.

We look forward to reporting on the Parish's third annual Men's Retreat in next year's Resurrection Annual Report!

Paul Bunn

Women's Faith Sharing Group

Our Women's Faith Sharing Group is a welcoming and supportive community where women come together to grow in their faith, encourage one another, and deepen their relationship with God. Through prayer, scripture reflection, personal sharing, and open discussion, members build meaningful connections and draw strength from shared experiences. This group offers a safe and nurturing space to explore spiritual questions, celebrate God's work in our lives, and support each other in everyday challenges. Together, we seek to live out our faith as Pilgrims of Hope.

This year we have been blessed to have a steady group of seven women join together monthly to openly share their gift of faith with the group, leaning on each other and learning from every encounter. Our time together is cherished and inspirational.

We welcome all women seeking a place to encounter God through the voice of other faith filled women. We use prayers and scripture to support our discussion, but no preparation is necessary in this casual environment. Reflection material is shared at our monthly gatherings on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

Men's Second Saturday Faith Sharing

This ministry, which has been ongoing for almost 20 years, is designed to bring men together once a month to study the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. This community of men is a great source of strength and support for each other as we share how the Gospel is affecting our lives.

We meet online via Zoom, which was adopted during Covid and allows men who have moved away from the area to continue to be part of the community. The Zoom link information is emailed out before each second Saturday.

We follow a *Lectio Divina* format, which means we read through the Gospel three different times. There is a focus for each time we read the Gospel with sharing afterwards. The Holy Spirit continues to bless these gatherings with amazing insight and wisdom that comes from the community. *Tom Higgins*

Faith Formation Opportunities for Adult Parishioners

During the year--beside our regularly gathering Bible Studies and Faith Sharing Groups--parishioners had several special opportunities for formation.

Dr. Elaine Park presented after the 11:00 Masses in November and December 2024. In November she discussed how the Holy Spirit weaves truth, growth, love and faith into the tapestry of our lives both individually and as the Body.

In December her presentation was about the Gospel of Luke, preparing our hearts to walk through the Gospel for the year, and reminding us that the Gospel of Luke and the Year of Hope are especially intertwined.

In 2025, Dr. Park will present a two-session series on the Gospel of Matthew, after the 11:00 Masses on Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

We also spent time together exploring

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Many different Parish groups went on a pilgrimage to the Grotto in Northeast Portland this past year.

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the Christmas Gift to the Parish, "What Pope Francis Says about Hope: 30 days of reflection and prayers." We gathered in February 2025 for discussion after folks had the opportunity to do the reflections in January. Those who participated grew as Pilgrims of Hope.

This July 2025, we offered a pilgrimage to the Grotto specifically to focus on the Jubilee Year of Hope and our calling to be pilgrims of Hope. About 50 parishioners enjoyed the Sacrament of Reconciliation, experiencing a prayer walk through the Labyrinth, peacefully reflecting in the upper gardens, participating in Mass and then walking and praying the beautiful Stations of the Cross. It was a restful and rejuvenating local pilgrimage.

Next summer we hope to go to Mount Angel on a local day pilgrimage. These are opportunities to grow and pray as a community. *Betsy Taylor*

All Staff Retreat, Formation and Teacher Formation

For the past three years we have spent a day as parish and school staff on retreat together. The purpose is to build up our relationships with each other as well as deepen our relationship with God. The day (led by Betsy Taylor) includes a scripture theme, small group discussions, one-on-one partner walks, Mass (presided by Father Bill), time for reflection, lunch together and inspiring conversation.

This summer our focus was on two parish Icons and the Scripture stories that inspired them. Both icons are "Christ the Healer" one in the Church and one in the Reconciliation Room. We learned to pray with these stories and icons and share our reflections and insights with one another.

For the past several years, the parish staff have grown in faith through our intentional, focused scripture reading and discussion. During each staff meeting we read the coming weekend's scriptures and bring up inspirations, doubts, hopes, and aspirations in conversation with one another. This binds our hearts together, deepens our faith and builds trust as we support one another in ministry.

In the school year to come, the teachers will participate with Betsy Taylor in a faith formation component tailored just for them. We will meet regularly and discuss many Catholic themes and topics, where those teachings and ideas originate, and use some of our OCIA materials. We look forward to lively discussions and deepening relationships through this process.

Betsy Taylor

Parish staff members on retreat in the Fireside Room on August 26, 2025.

Hospitality

"When I was a stranger, you welcomed me." Jesus teaches that whenever we welcome one of the least of our sisters and brothers, we welcome Christ himself. We seek to see the face of Christ in one another, and welcome each other as special.*

Hospitality Mass Ministry

The Hospitality Ministry of approximately 70 members strong is always welcoming new ministers. A hospitality minister is often the person who a visitor, new parishioner, or old friends see when coming to Mass. This mighty team is an integral part of the Mass by welcoming God's children at the door, assisting in the offering at Mass, and caring for God's house.

Greeters at Saturday Mass.

Over the past year, at least 10 new ministers have joined.

Resurrection has been known as a very "welcoming" parish. Our team of loving, merciful, and joyful ministers will strive to continue to be attentive to the needs of Fr. Bill and our brothers and sisters in Christ. *Jennifer Jordan*

Coffee and Donuts Ministry

The Coffee and Donut Ministry offers a weekly invitation to parish fellowship, creating a welcoming space for connection and conversation each Sunday morning. Thanks to the generous monthly support of both the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we joyfully serve donuts and warm beverages—nourishing both body and spirit.

Typically, about 100 people stop by after Sunday Masses (no donuts after the Saturday Mass). We also provide donuts for Faith Formation groups on Super Sunday, which includes another 70-80 folks.

This ministry is a simple yet heartfelt way to extend hospitality to visitors, new parishioners, and longtime members alike, fostering a sense of belonging within our faith community.

Please send an email to Linda Beko at lb.notin@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the CORE team.

Sue Johnson and Irene Jones

Funeral Reception Ministry

The funeral committee's mission is to provide support to families in time of grief as an act of love.

Resurrection volunteers provide a comforting lunch dining environment so that family members can meet and talk with each other after the funeral.

The actual workload for the volunteer committee is setting up tables and chairs in Rossman Hall the day before the funeral, providing food items such as salads and desserts the day of the funeral and cleaning up Rossman Hall after the lunch is served.

Many of the volunteers themselves have lost family members and want to provide support to grieving families much like the support that was given to them when they were grieving.

Contact Irene Jones in the church office if you would like to contribute to this ministry. *Irene Jones*

Service

Just as the members of a family come together to help one of their own, a stewardship parish serves those who are hurting or in need, doubting or seeking salvation. Stewards also come together to thank God for all the gifts God gives us.*

Celebrate Life Ministry

The "First Right" is the right to life; Pope John Paul, Pope Benedict, Pope Francis and Pope Leo have all reaffirmed this tenant of the Catholic Church.

We are a community of women and men dedicated to "The Sanctity of Life" through prayer, education, and support of pro-life projects and events.

Our focus has always been on helping young mothers and their children through Diaper Drives and helping with the annual 40 Cans for Lent.

Some members pray at Planned Parenthood; with the help of trained counselors, many women have seen the love and compassion to choose life for their child.

We help grow our commitment and knowledge along with churches throughout Oregon by attending Life Rallies and seminars.

If you want to be a part of this ministry and community to protect life, contact Andy Bergman at **tomphilly349@yahoo.com** or 503-639-1785; contact the ministry through the parish website: **[CLICK HERE]** or go to http://www.resurrection-catholic-parish.org/group/celebratelifecommittee *Andy Bergman*

Church Blood Drive

Providing the Gift of Life in a Lifesaving Mission.

Resurrection Catholic Parish sponsors and hosts the Red Cross Blood Drive three times a year. Generally, we have blood drives on the first Wednesday of February, June and October. The American Red Cross organization is grateful for the opportunity to use the Rossman Parish Hall to provide a wonderful environment for blood donors to participate in donating blood to those in need.

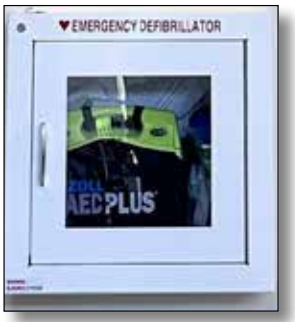
Here is a breakdown of our results: on October 2, 2024, our goal was 24 units, we collected 17 units, registered 22 donors. On February 5, 2025, our goal was 29 units, we collected 33 units, registered 31 donors. On June 4, 2025, our goal was 26 units, we collected 26 and registered 26 donors. For the year, our goal was 79 units, we collected 76 and registered 79 individuals to donate.

Resurrection Catholic Parish has given the "gift of life" to up to a couple hundred patients in need through donations. Both parishioners and non-parishioners have supported the blood drive: we are very grateful to the many donors who have stepped forward. We have welcomed those outside our Parish with open arms to provide the gift of life to patients in need of blood transfusions. We are also very grateful to our eager and willing volunteers who help support the call to this ministry.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the blood drive please contact the parish office or Don Love at loved2156@gmail.com. *Don Love*

Health and Wellness

October is the month for our bi-annual AED/CPR training. This certification is good for two years. We have had parish members participate in 2024, and 11 parish members/staff and teachers participate in 2023. This is the requirement for having AEDs (automated external defibrillators) on site. We have four AEDs, one in Rossman Hall, one in the church, one in the Moisant Center, and finally one in the new gym. Monthly checks are done to make sure they are in working order. There are also first aid kits in the box where the AEDs are located, which were recently updated.



This AED is in the back of the Church.

Kim Kiely, RN,
Resurrection Catholic Parish Nurse

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The mission of St. Vincent de Paul Society is to help individuals and families who are struggling with poverty, homelessness, and other challenges. We strive to make a difference for one person at a time.

Our Resurrection Conference of about 35 people provides food from our pantry to those in need. Most of the food is donated by our generous parishioners during the 40 Cans for Lent food drive that we conduct with the Knights of Columbus and others each year, as well as donations dropped off in our food box located in Rossman Hall. We also provide gift cards so families can buy perishables our pantry is not designed to provide.

The St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

Demand doubled last year and doubled again this year. Each month we now deliver to 14 to 18 families – serving 50 to 70 people each month.

Financial contributions from our parishioners allow us to fund the gift cards, cover utility bills for households facing disconnection, plus provide rent assistance to help prevent families from becoming homeless when facing eviction. From July 2024 to June 2025, we provided $24,500 to 139 households for

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Basketball Ministry

Over the past year, the Basketball Ministry has grown into a welcoming space for fellowship, fitness, and faith. What began as a simple idea to bring parishioners together through sport has blossomed into a weekly gathering that draws participants of all ages and backgrounds.

One of our proudest milestones has been the incredible variety of individuals who've come out to play—from former collegiate basketball players to first-time participants simply looking for exercise. We've welcomed players whose ages range from 18 to 61, creating a truly intergenerational experience that reflects the inclusive spirit of our parish.

After a brief pause due to injury, the ministry restarted with renewed energy, thanks to the support of parish staff and the enthusiasm of our players. We've expanded our communication efforts using mass texts to send out reminders; we've recently added RSVP tracking via text messaging to help with planning and coordination. New faces continue to join us each week, which has been a real blessing.

Looking ahead, I hope to meet more parishioners who are interested in joining us and to make announcements about the ministry at Mass to spread the word. I'm also looking for someone who might be called to co-lead and share the responsibility of organizing and growing this ministry. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, we invite you to join us.

Andrew Braun

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rent assistance and $11,260 to 71 households for utility assistance.

Last year, our parish, along with support from the West Linn Rotary, from a generous donor, and from Our Lady of the Lake Parish, provided over 500 Thanksgiving boxes to help make Thanksgiving a brighter holiday for struggling families.

Twice last year we hosted a pancake breakfast at Resurrection Catholic Parish to celebrate fellowship and show appreciation. We also hosted coffee and donuts at both Masses on the fourth Sunday of each month. Our members wrote and mailed notes and cards to people that could use a kind word.

SVdP Portland Council opened a new Thrift Store this year, the proceeds from which provide additional utility and rent assistance. We are now collecting items for the store. Look for our new cabinet to drop off your small items, to be located next to the Haybarn Youth Room.

If you are interested in a purpose-driven service, forming friendship connections, and growing spiritually, join us. Contact any member or attend one of our meetings held on the second Sunday of each month at 9:45 AM in the Fireside Room.

Ron Sarazin

The Father's Heart

The Father's Heart Ministry has been blessed to serve our community in simple but meaningful ways this past year. With the support of a volunteer base of about 170 parishioners, we have provided 3,600 meals to those in need—an average of 300 meals each month. This includes preparing sack lunches in our parish kitchen, supplying a hot meal to the shelter every month, and serving breakfast on the street in Oregon City.

That breakfast is often the most personal part of our ministry, as it allows us to connect directly with our homeless neighbors, listen to their stories, and share not only food but also dignity and friendship. One of our proudest accomplishments is not just the number of meals provided, but the spirit of compassion and fellowship that grows when parishioners come together to serve.

Parishioners serving a Saturday meal on the street in Oregon City on behalf of The Father's Heart.

Looking ahead, Father's Heart will continue this steady and vital work of feeding and caring for our neighbors. Parishioners can be confident that their prayers, donations, and volunteer hours are directly sustaining a ministry that meets real needs every single month. Our hope for the coming year is to continue offering not only food, but also kindness, compassion, and the presence of Christ to those we serve.

Alyce Oltmans

GriefShare Ministry

Grief is the price we pay for loving someone.

The parish was looking to begin a God-based program of GriefShare to help people grieving the loss of loved ones. A team was put together to begin the program, which runs Friday mornings from October through January. GriefShare had not been presented at this parish before and hopefully it will ease Fr. Bill's burden.

By watching video presentations and talking with team members and others in the program, grieving individuals are helped through their journey of grief to joy in life again. The 13-week program helps people process their grief and move towards renewed happiness.

Through God's love in the group, the participants began to feel comfort and healing. God's presence is with us and within us.

I firmly believe the love and sharing brought by God will foster the growth of GriefShare. We look forward to beginning the program Monday evenings in September 2025.

Find us online at https://rcparish.org/grief-share/

Terri Crowell-Laney

Parishioners who formed the newly minted GriefShare Ministry at the Parish.

Resurrection Parish Knights of Columbus Council 13851

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We are a very active group of 66 men in the Parish who perform charity works under four fraternal activities. These are **Faith, Family, Community and Life**.

We support **Faith** by donating annual funds to the seminarian program at Mt. Angel. We also donated $7,000 to the Parish this year for facilities repairs and the new floor in Rossman Hall.

Our support to **Families** included collecting over 6,000 pounds of food. We hosted Youth Free Throw competitions in our new gym for Resurrection grade school children and four other local parishes.

We served our **Community** by donating over 300 Coats for Kids, 120 sleeping bags for the homeless, and provided a hot meal through The Father's Heart ministry, as well as funded scholarships and a local Veterans Home.

In addition to hosting annual celebrations for St. Patrick's Day and Oktoberfest, Knights serve as the labor force for the annual Mass and Picnic in the Park, where "all-hands-on-deck" are needed to pull off this hallmark event for our wonderful Parish.

For **Life** we donated funds to the Holy Family Clinic, whose mission is to provide healthcare for all ages while honoring the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We conducted a drive to support young mothers and their babies, providing help with diapers and other costly and needed items.

In total, we donated nearly $15,000

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Parishioners at the Mass in the Park August 24, 2025, Willamette Park.

Knights on a break at the Parish picnic.

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and 2,610 volunteer hours to our key activities over the past year. We are constantly seeking new men of the parish to become brothers in Christ—to pray together and to help. The only requirement to join us is to be a Catholic man of at least 18 years of age and be willing to serve those in need in our Parish and surrounding communities.

Jim Guidry,
Grand Knight,
Resurrection Council 13851

Peace and Justice Ministry

The Peace and Justice Ministry meets monthly to promote Catholic teaching on issues regarding justice and peace. During this past year, the Ministry accomplished:

The Annual Giving Tree Christmas was set up in Rossman with tags indicating desired gifts. In 2024, Resurrection parishioners provided gifts to 309 people served by Family Promise, Woodburn HeadStart, Northwest Housing Alternatives, Bridges to Change and Compassion in Action.

The Ministry restarted organizing parishioners to serve dinners to the homeless and houseless at St. Andre Bessette Parish (Downtown Chapel) on Jan. 31, 2025. Over 80 people were served at that meal. We continue to serve on the fifth Friday of months with five Fridays, about four times a during the calendar year.

Ministry members collected clothing, household items, etc. for Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement services.

Ministry members promoted the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, a US Conference of Catholic Bishops collection that helps low-income families and individuals help themselves escape poverty.

Parishioners prepared the meal for the Friday supper at St. Andre Bessette Parish in Portland on September 12, 2025, organized by the Peace and Justice.

We held an Offering of Letters advocating restoring humanitarian and development aid and maintaining child nutrition programs. Approximately 125 letters were sent to our senators and representatives in Congress.

In conjunction with the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul, we collected for our parish's 40 Cans for Lent program.

We volunteered to assist an elderly low-income woman maintain her home at a Rebuilding Together event.

We joined Resurrection parishioners preparing food for the homeless in Oregon City for The Father's Heart ministry.

In the coming year (through June 2026), our Ministry will: continue the programs we supported during the last fiscal year, and identify ways to promote Catholic social teaching, to increase advocacy and give parishioners opportunities to help others.

Join us with your ideas! Contact Gary Corgan at gscorgan@hotmail.com or 503-333-0622 for more information.

Gary Corgan

Mary's Cousin's Prayer Shawl Ministry at the 2025 Ministry Fair.

The Ministry Fair, January 25-26, 2025.

Parish Council

The Parish Council provides guidance and support to the church pastor through a dedicated team of parishioners and leaders striving to enhance the beauty, functionality and experiences of our parish community. We are dedicated to service, in an advisory capacity, focusing on projects and activities important to Resurrection Catholic Parish.

We often say that our parishioners are "the eyes and ears of the parish" and we truly believe the communication we have between our many ministries allows us the opportunity to hear and discuss the items important to our parish family, and to make our parish one of the best in Oregon!

In the past year, your Parish Council and other ministries have maintained a focus on highlighting activities that make our parish special. Last winter we brought back the Ministry Fair, which by all accounts was well-received. The parish was blessed to add the talents of so many new volunteers to various ministries. There is truly a place for everyone to participate! We are already in the early stages of planning for our next Ministry Fair.

In the coming year the Parish Council will look for other opportunities to support our pastor and staff with discussion on activities and events to grow and enhance our parish. Within the council, we have a strong lean toward education, and we frequently spend time at our monthly meetings on Catholic teachings, books, and video offerings.

Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month; guests are welcome to attend. This year's council is comprised of: Father Bill Moisant, Irene Jones, Jeff Hjelte, Tom Scheideman, Paula Smith, Sherry Miller, Don Dravis, Linda Beko, Linda Vickers, Peter Gallucci. We are blessed to have such an amazingly talented group of parishioners on the council! *Jeffrey Hjelte*

Recent Parish improvements

LEFT: Thanks to the incredible generousity of many gifts, we're kicking off some much-needed updates—starting with brand-new flooring and stage. Rossman Hall is getting a new look!

We're so grateful for the generosity already shown—and for the continued support of our amazing community. Thank you for being part of this journey with us!

RIGHT: The Parish intalled a new well to ensure reliable water access for our facilities.

This is just the beginning, and we'd love your help to keep the momentum going! Any support you can offer will bring us closer to transforming the hall into a warm, welcoming, and beautiful space for everyone in our parish to gather, celebrate, and connect.

Click here to donate to our building maintenance fund.

Mary's Cousin's Prayer Shawl Ministry

This small but able ministry produces baby blankets for Catholic Charities, cozy hats and scarves for those in need, and delicate baptismal shawls for our newest members in Christ. More than just handmade items, they are expressions of compassion, faith and community.

In Memorium

Archbishop Emeritus John G. Vlazny (February 22, 1937 to May 23, 2025) served as the tenth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Portland Oregon, from 1997 to 2013. He was an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago in Illinois from 1983 to 1987 and bishop of the Diocese of Winona in Minnesota from 1987 to 1997.

Parish school expands grades, grows in faith

This has been a year of tremendous growth, gratitude, and grace for Resurrection Catholic Parish School. One of our most significant milestones was the expansion of our school ministry to include middle school, allowing us to continue forming students in faith and academics through these vital years.

We celebrated this exciting development while also honoring the retirement of our beloved principal, Mrs. Steele, whose leadership and dedication leave a legacy. With great joy, we also welcomed our new principal, Mrs. Berg, who is guiding us into this next chapter with energy, vision, and a deep love for Catholic education.

Our students continue to live out their faith through service and virtue. This year, our 6th graders built a special relationship with residents of a local retirement home, bringing joy and companionship through crafts and conversations. Each month, students at every grade level were recognized with Virtue Awards, celebrating the ways they are living as disciples of Christ in everyday life.

Special Events included participating at the CYO Camp Howard for a special Catholic outdoor school, visiting the Grotto on our own pilgrimage, and meeting monthly in our school families that included a student from each grade level and a staff member. We continued our traditions of our annual Retriever Run, Christmas pageant, Grandparents Day, Spring Musical: Shrek, and The Art Show. We look forward to continuing our traditions and adding new ones as our school continues to grow.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue growing our middle school and strengthening our Catholic identity through service, academic excellence, and community. We will be hosting our first school auction at Rossman Hall in April 2026, where we are working to support our school with excellent teachers and classroom experiences.

Resurrection Catholic Parish School is a place where children develop a sense of wonder, encounter Christ daily, grow in virtue, and are prepared to be people of faith, hope, and love in the world.

Stephanie Berg, Principal

Arts and crafts with seniors.

The Annual Art Show.

School staff: Michelle Armstrong (preschool), Jen Tabor (preschool), Amanda May-Hainley (PreK), Sarah Lishka (4th/5th), Ashley Dhar (kindergarten), Stephanie Clark (1st), Susan Steele (principal), Krissy Fillis (admin assistant), Stephanie Berg (6th) and Fr. Bill.

School students on their pilgrimage to the Grotto.

PARISH-ONLY FINANCIALS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH SCHOOL FINANCIALS ARE IN A SEPARATE REPORT

	Actual 2024-25	Budget 2024-25	$ Over (-under) Budget	Percentage of Budget
INCOME				
4100 · OFFERTORY Mass collections & online general donations	$758,962.51	$740,963.00	$17,999.51	102.43%
4200 · COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS Red envelope collections & donations for specific programs	$70,772.25	$74,873.00	-$4,100.75	94.52%
4300 · BEQUESTS, GIFTS & GRANTS Stock sales, retirement donations, special donations from groups	$234,718.04	$91,941.00	$142,777.04	255.29%
4400 · FEES FOR SERVICES Facility rentals, mass intentions, hospitality income	$10,870.15	$11,177.00	-$306.85	97.25%
4500 · SALES REVENUES Literature & book sales, Votive lights, other sales	$8,665.02	$5,261.00	$3,404.02	164.70%
4600 · TUITION/PROGRAM FEES Registration fees, retreat & field trips, VBS registration	$17,346.17	$12,501.00	$4,845.17	138.76%
4700 · OTHER REVENUE Interest income, other revenues	$15.51	$2,668.00	-$2,652.49	0.58%
Total Income	$1,101,349.65	$939,384.00	$161,965.65	117.24%
EXPENSE				
5100 · PERSONNEL COSTS Employee salaries and wages, temporary worker salaries, contracted services	$357,034.00	$362,955.00	-$5,921.00	98.37%
5200 · PAYROLL TAXES Payroll taxes for employees, unemployment expense	$22,898.12	$32,429.00	-$9,530.88	70.61%
5300 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Health insurance, retirement, housing and meal allowances, continuing education, dues	$138,249.01	$124,682.00	$13,567.01	110.88%
5400 · EMPLOYEE TRAVEL Mileage reimbursement, food & lodging for employees	$2,116.24	$131.00	$1,985.24	1615.45%
5500 · CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS Registration fees, travel, food & lodging for attendees	0	0	0	0.00%
5600 · ASSESSMENTS & DONATIONS Archdiocese assessment, clergy pension shortfall, assorted donations to other groups	$80,180.01	$79,768.00	$412.01	100.52%
700 · SERVICES TO PARISHIONERS / STUDENTS Offertory envelopes, books, hospitality expenses, hall/kitchen supplies, special events	$44,796.16	$24,356.00	$20,440.16	183.92%
5800 · EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES Curriculum/books, retreats, school support, program/classroom supplies, VBS expenses	$77,849.89	$77,826.00	$23.89	100.03%
5900 · LITURGICAL EXPENSES Church music, decorations, mass supplies, missalettes	$7,334.41	$5,512.00	$1,822.41	133.06%
6000 · COMPUTER EXPENSES Software subscriptions, computer supplies & maintenance, tech services	$5,766.03	$6,481.00	-$714.97	88.97%
6100 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIP. Maintenance, purchase, & rental of furniture, fixtures, & equipment	$730.53	$2,330.00	-$1,599.47	31.35%
6200 · PHYSICAL PLANT COSTS Security costs	$3,498.40	$2,089.00	$1,409.40	167.47%
6300 · MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS Building, landscaping, all maintenance and repairs for facilities, janitorial, landscaping	$51,754.08	$47,388.00	$4,366.08	109.21%
6400 · UTILITIES Garbage, gas, electric, water/sewer	$51,022.30	$52,735.00	-$1,712.70	96.75%
6600 · GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE General admin costs: advertising, insurance, copy machine leases, postage, etc	$79,858.79	$120,613.00	-$40,754.21	66.21%
6700 · OTHER EXPENSES Bank and credit card charges, fees for use of online giving programs	$13,510.50	$10,978.00	$2,532.50	123.07%
Total Expense	$936,598.47	$950,273.00	-$13,674.53	98.56%
Net Ordinary Income	$164,751.18	-$10,889.00	$175,640.18	-1513.01%
4900 RESTRICTED REVENUE	$75,960.40	$0.00	$75,960.40	
Total Other Income	$77,485.40	$0.00	$77,485.40	
Total Other Expenses	$285,322.05	$0.00	$285,322.05	
Net Other Income	-$207,836.65	$0.00	-$207,836.65	
Net Income	-$43,085.47	-$10,889.00	-$32,196.47	395.68%