



ST. MICHAEL
the Archangel
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WORSHIP - EDUCATION - SERVICE



FISCAL YEAR 2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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My Dear People,

I am happy to present to you our annual Stewardship Report. This report captures much of our parish life from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. You will read how we have lived out our parish mission of **Worship, Education, and Service.**

Pope Francis, in an address to Catholics in Bulgaria, said that the parish should be "at the center of the community, a place where God's presence is felt, and hope and love are shared with the world. The parish, in this way, becomes a home in the midst of homes. It manages to make the Lord present there, where every family, every person tries to earn their daily bread. The parish should be a family among families, open to bearing witness in today's world...open to faith, hope, and love for the Lord and for those whom he has a preferential love. A home with open doors."

I hope that in our parish life you have found "a home with open doors." As I think about all of the many ministries and groups that we have here at St. Michael, I believe that there is truly "something for everyone." There is a role for all members of this local household of faith. If you are looking for a way to get better involved in the life of our community and contribute to our parish life, speak with **Christina O'Neill** our new **Director of Development and Community Engagement** (coneill@stmccary.org) and she can help you find your niche.

In this report, you will also find the financial statements for our parish. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made that allow us to continue proclaim the gospel in the greater Cary area and beyond.

As I reflect on our parish life in the last year, I am grateful for the opportunity to be your pastor. I have now had the chance to see all that our parish offers from our liturgical life, to our service opportunities, to the many ways we pass on the faith to children, youth, and adults. In all of this, we make Christ and His great love for humanity known more and more.

Thank you for who you are and what you do to build up our Catholic life in this community of faith. Father Alapaty, Father Tully, our parish deacons, and our staff are happy to serve you and walk with you along this wonderful Catholic life in which we share.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Scott E. McCue".

Very Rev. Scott E. McCue, V.F.
Pastor



On behalf of the Finance Council, we thank you for your continued generosity, which supports our parish in fulfilling the St. Michael mission of **Worship, Education, and Service.**

During the past fiscal year, the finance council diligently reviewed the parish's finances, provided advice and counsel to the pastor, and ensured that the St. Michael parish, school, and preschool remain in a good financial position.

The council met 11 times during the year, with additional meetings by the Budget and Capital/Operations Committees. These meetings included reviewing the monthly financial statements, addressing items impacting the parish financials, and developing, reviewing, and approving the FY 2026 budgets.

Because of your continued support, our parish, school, and preschool are on sound financial footing. This allows our parish to provide many programs and ministries to our community.

Be assured that the finance council will continue to work with the parish staff, in support of our pastor, to ensure financial stability of our parish.

Blessings,
Keith DiSano
Finance Council Chair



YOUR GENEROSITY HELPS FULFILL OUR MISSION OF *Worship, Education, AND Service.*

2024-25 GENEROSITY IMPACT

INCOME

Offertory:	\$3,009,728
Tuition:	\$5,368,351
Misc. Income:	\$2,345,617
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Total Income:	\$10,723,696

All budgetary surplus is transferred into church, school, or preschool contingency savings as appropriate

FAMILIES

St. Michaels has 5,794 registered families.

This represents a 8.3% growth since last fiscal year.

EXPENSES

Total Expenses: \$9,281,096

Education*

\$6,194,808
67%

Facilities

\$796,624
9%

Worship

\$964,349
10%

Service

\$1,276,994
14%

**includes St. Michael School, St. Michael Preschool, and St. Michael Faith Formation Programs*

2025-26 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

St. Michael consists of three distinct and interrelated entities: the Church, the School, and the Preschool. The Parish Finance Council reviews monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports from all three entities.

FY 2025/26 Church budget projects \$4,083,552 in revenues and an equal amount of expenses. The largest component of projected revenue is Offertory collections, making up **76%** of revenue, and the current budgeted collections are assumed to be **3%** over prior year collections. The largest expenses for the Church are religious and lay salaries which make up **37%** of projected expenses.

The FY 2025 School budget projects \$5,705,503 in revenues and an equal amount of expenses. As expected, the majority of the revenue comes from tuition, which makes up **86%** of total Revenue. The tuition receipts for school are determined mainly by the projected number of students enrolled in the school and the tuition rate. The 2025 budget assumes a **3.5% tuition increase** over previous years and **520** enrolled students, which hits our enrollment target for the year. Again, the largest expense line item for the school is salaries, which make up **54%** of the projected expenses.

The FY 2025 Preschool budget projects \$446,913 in revenues and an equal amount of expenses. Similarly to the school, the majority of preschool revenue comes from tuition, **84%** of total revenue, and the largest expense is salaries at **84%** of projected expenses.

-Oscar Gomez, St. Michael the Archangel Parish Finance Council; Chair of Budget Committee

Worship

Because of your generosity and deep faith, the **5,794 families that make up our parish have devoted over 1,000** hours to worship and prayer together this year, both in the church and in the wider community.

Our Liturgy and Music volunteers include cantors and accompanists, several Mass choirs and instrumental ensembles, altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, readers, hospitality ministers, as well as volunteers for altar cleaning, upkeep of altar linens and vestments, candle maintenance, audio/video technology, Eucharistic Adoration, funeral and wedding ministries, leaders of devotional prayer groups, and more.

Your generosity provides beautiful vestments for the clergy, holy vessels and linens at the altar, and liturgical supplies for the church year.

Our parish has celebrated **187** Baptisms, **160** First Holy Communions, **96** Confirmations, **30** Marriages, **210** hours of Reconciliation, **521** Anointings of the Sick, **96** Funerals, **3** Revival Nights, and over **600** hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

We are truly a worshipping community!



Education

Thanks to your support and generosity, our **Adult & Youth Faith Formation** programs continue to grow and thrive, particularly our Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) program, where people are coming to us daily to learn more about becoming Catholic. Last year, we were blessed to have **149 catechists and facilitators, serving 876 children and adults** through a variety of programs in both English and Spanish. Programs included preparation for receiving sacraments, adult studies, men's groups, women's groups, youth programs, Parish Missions, and Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW).

In addition, **67 adults** completed training in the **Evangelical Catholic Reach More** program, along with **8 facilitators**. Through the Reach More program, we strive to help current ministry leaders and participants develop their apostolate, equipping them to evangelize and "reach more" people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

St. Michael School had a very successful year with total enrollment of **524** students and **57** students graduated from the 8th grade.

St. Michael Preschool experienced a year of meaningful impact, *Growing with God* through every milestone. We served **100 students** across **9 classes** and welcomed four student interns through our partnership with **Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School**. We celebrated our **40th anniversary** with more than 30 former staff members in attendance, hosted weekly PACT (Parents and Children Together) events and summer gatherings with over **20 parish families**, offered a two-week Summer Camp attended by **90 students**, and launched a new Young 2's class in January. Together, these accomplishments reflect the positive impact our preschool continues to have on children, families, and the parish community as we *Pray, Play, and Learn*.



Service

Our Pastoral Care Office served many families and individuals this past year, including various forms of support in direct service, walk-in service for financial assistance, bereavement groups, Catholic Parish Outreach, senior socials, and other ministries. This year, the office served over **670** Prayers of the Faithful, coordinated **over 500** Priest Requests, and **33** Columbarium niche sales took place.

The Pastoral Care Office also oversees **more than 25** service and social outreach ministries.

Some ministry highlights include:

- More than **300** seniors attended **10** Senior Socials, including two events that celebrated a Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by a luncheon.
- **440+** boxes of food were provided to area families with the Easter Food Basket Ministry.
- More than **500** rosaries were made by Our Lady's Rosary Makers for the Easter Food Baskets and church welcome desk.
- **385** families and **1,051** children from Cary elementary schools, two Wake Country social justice agencies, and our parish family were provided with support through food cards and Christmas gifts through the Jesse Tree Ministry.
- **50** members of our **Homebound Ministry** provided Holy Communion to our parishioners who are unable to attend weekly Mass. Another **50** members take Holy Communion to our parishioners in **nursing homes** and **senior living centers**.
- Over **850** school students in our Honduras Sister Parish were assisted with spiritual education and school supplies. The ministry also provided a mother-baby clinic with medical supplies and equipment, as well as assisted with construction efforts for 8 new area churches and agricultural education and support.
- Over **150** families were provided support for basic needs, as well as assistance with setting and achieving goals that address food, housing, utilities, and immigration via the **SHARES** ministry.
- New this year, we partnered with our neighboring Catholic parishes to provide two meals at **Oak City Cares**.
- We continue to offer **Bereavement Support Groups** and launched a monthly Mourning Cafe.
- Our **AAMEN ministry** hosted Fr. Marvin McNair as a speaker for Black Catholic History month.
- Our **Respect Life** ministry hosted Chris Stefanick with his 'Reboot' presentation.



Facilities

Thanks to your generosity, the Operations team continues to make improvements to our campus. This past year, we **completed updates to the St. Michael Preschool**, including a fresh coat of paint. We also refreshed **St. Michael School** middle school classrooms with a fresh, new paint color, while also installing new floors in the elementary classrooms of the school.

We made **important updates and investments to the Archangel Hall** as we sanded down the gym floor so that it could be repainted for the first time since the building opened. Additionally, we are in the process of installing an athletic event camera system. This will allow for live streaming of our school athletics, as well as assemblies, and any additional parish-wide talks.

Your generosity also supported the sanding and refinishing of the floor in the **Parish Center, as we continue planning for new audio-visual technology in the Parish Center**. The project includes plans for a projection screen and hanging projector, integrated with the sound system. This enhancement will greatly benefit the many talks, presentations, and faith formation classes held in this space.

Despite **rising costs for maintenance, property, and liability insurance**, your generous stewardship has enabled us to continue maintenance projects across campus. We are in the process of upgrading our security access system. This will make parishioner access to our campus more reliable for your onsite ministry meetings. Additionally, we are beginning the preparations for the installation of new windows in the church in an effort to improve our energy efficiency and protect our stained glass in the nave of the church.

We are truly excited for the year ahead. As we welcome new ministries to campus and continue to fundraise for our various social action ministries to carry out our parish mission of *Worship, Education, and Service*, we also welcomed **Christina O'Neill** to the staff as **Director of Development and Community Engagement** to help support those efforts. None of these important updates would be possible without your continuing financial support, generosity, and prayers.

FINANCIAL COUNCIL OVERVIEW



The St. Michael the Archangel parish finance council has **9** members, including the chair, and is divided into two committees: Budget and Capital/Operations.

THE FINANCE COUNCIL HAS THREE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Advise the Pastor on the administration of parish funds and other assets.

Provide expertise in areas such as reports, budgets, strategic planning, forecasts, best practices, and more.

Endorse acts of extraordinary administration, including significant capital expenditures.

THE ROLE OF A FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBER

The primary role of a finance council member is to ensure St. Michael Parish remains a strong provider of religious, educational, and related services. The council ensures that financial budgets and actual spending are balanced and conservative. Members review and approve proposed budgets and contracts with suppliers of goods and services, and they review financial statements for the parish, school, and preschool on a monthly basis. We work collaboratively to ensure that supplier contracts are necessary, and in the best interest of St. Michael and that financial reports are accurate and transparent. The Finance Council strives to ensure that all projects and services are funded through existing savings and reasonably expected revenue, without jeopardizing the future financial stability of the parish, school, and preschool.

Oscar Gomez,
St. Michael the Archangel Parish Finance Council
Chair of Budget Committee

FY 2025 Finance Council Members:

Keith DiSano, *Chair of the Finance Council*
Gary Tonnemacher, *Vice Chair*
Oscar Gomez, *Budget Committee Chair*
Grant Knier, *Capital Projects | Operations Committee Chair*
Patty Karpus
Thais Naveda Luy
Todd Wilson
David Frutos
Mark Lawson



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To view our detailed 2024-2025 annual report to the Diocese of Raleigh, please visit
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