



2025 **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**



OUR LADY
OF PERPETUAL HELP
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Your Spiritual Home

Dear Parish Family,

With a grateful heart, I present to you this year's Stewardship Report for Our Lady of Perpetual Help. As I look over these pages, I see more than numbers and summaries—I see the faith, sacrifice, and devotion that have shaped this parish for generations. Our story here in Germantown has always been one of fidelity to the mission Christ entrusted to His Church: to worship with reverence, to serve with compassion, and to form disciples who carry the Gospel into the world.

This past year, we witnessed remarkable blessings. Through your generosity, we strengthened our ministries, supported families in need, invested in the formation of our children, and elevated the beauty of our worship. Your commitment reflects the deep roots of this parish and the forward vision we share—building a community where holiness is pursued, the liturgy is cherished, and every person finds a home in the heart of Our Lady.

As you read this report, I invite you to see your own fingerprints throughout it. Each grace-filled moment was made possible because you chose to give, to pray, to serve, and to stand shoulder to shoulder with your parish. Together, we honor the past that formed us while embracing the future the Lord is unfolding before us.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for the love you show to your parish family. May God reward your generosity, bless your families, and continue to guide us as we strive to be a beacon of faith for our community.

With gratitude and prayer,



Fr. Jolly Sebastian

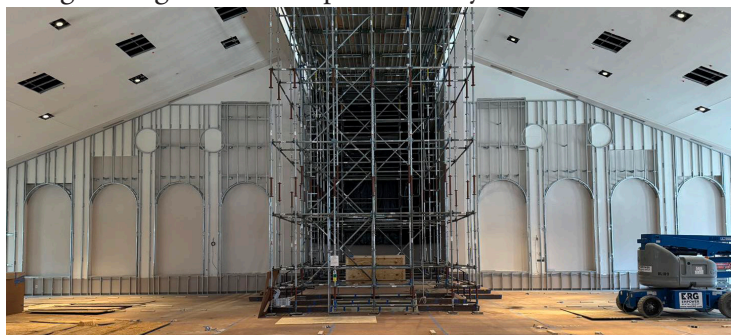


A Season of Gratitude: Renovation & HVAC Projects Completed

We are grateful that the renovation of our church has been completed, marking an important milestone in the life of our parish. We also replaced multiple HVAC units that had reached the end of their service life to ensure reliable and efficient climate control across campus. These projects were made possible through the generosity, prayers, and unwavering support of our parish family, and we thank God for guiding every step of this work.

During this time, our community showed remarkable patience and flexibility as we gathered for Mass in the gym. While the setting was different, the spirit of reverence and worship never wavered. We are deeply thankful to the many volunteers, liturgical ministers, musicians, sacristans, decorators, and staff who worked behind the scenes week after week to transform the gym into a sacred space—ensuring that the Eucharist remained the heart of our parish life.

This season reminded us that the Church is not the building alone, but the people of God gathered in faith. Now, as we return to our beautifully renewed church, we do so with renewed gratitude, humility, and joy—committed to continuing our mission to worship, serve, and grow together as one parish family.



10 Parish Initiatives to Celebrate and Strengthen Our Mission

In celebration of Our Lady of Perpetual Help's 75 years of faith, service, and community, we joyfully launched ten parish-wide initiatives to deepen our spiritual roots and expand our mission outward. These activities reflect our gratitude for the past and our hope for the future, all while embracing the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us to greater heights.



1. 75 Rosary for Life Challenge

We invited 75 individuals and families to gather in front of the chapel to pray the Rosary for life—from conception to natural death—on Saturday, October 4th. This powerful witness to the dignity of human life united us in prayer and purpose.

2. 75-Day Daily Mass Challenge

Parishioners were challenged to attend 75 daily Masses during our jubilee year, offering intentions for evangelization, vocations, family life, and the sanctification of youth. Many have embraced this journey of grace and intercession.

3. Spiritual Legacy Testimonies

Throughout the year, parishioners shared their personal stories of conversion, healing, and transformation through our bulletin, Flocknote, and social media. These testimonies reveal the Holy Spirit at work in our midst.

4. Legacy Project: Mercy Home in India

To honor the countries that gave us two of our beloved pastors, we committed to building a Mercy Home for a homeless family in India. We exceeded our goal of raising \$10,000 to provide shelter and hope!

5. Recommissioning the Men's Ministry

We launched a bold renewal of our Men's Club, calling 75 men to deeper spiritual formation, service, and brotherhood. This recommitment is a response to the call for authentic Catholic leadership in parish and family life.

6. Parish-Wide Marian Consecration

Through 33 Days to Morning Glory, individuals and small groups prepared to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary. The journey culminated on November 21, the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, as we entrusted our parish anew to Our Lady's care.



7. Novena of Gratitude

Beginning October 10, our parish entered into nine days of prayerful thanksgiving for the 75 years that Our Lady of Perpetual Help has served as a spiritual home in Germantown. Flocknote reminders and guided reflections helped parishioners unite in gratitude.

8. 75 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

For three days—October 14–16—our chapel remained open in perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, giving thanks for 75 years of grace and asking the Holy Spirit to guide our next 75. Parishioners signed up around the clock, offering prayer and praise.

9. Jubilee Mass with Bishop Talley

On October 18, Bishop David Talley celebrated a Jubilee Mass and Sanctuary Rededication, joined by former pastors, parish leaders, and the faithful. This solemn liturgy was a joyful rededication of our sacred space and our parish mission.

10. Memorial Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Soon, we will gather in the Garden of Saints & Columbarium to remember and honor parishioners who have gone before us. Their names will be lovingly read aloud as we entrust them to God's eternal mercy and remember the legacy they leave.

Welcoming Our New Principal: Dr. Tara Fox

We are grateful to announce the hiring of our new principal, Dr. Tara Fox, who joins our parish and school community with great enthusiasm and a deep love for Catholic education. After an 18-year career in public education, Dr. Fox is excited and grateful to serve in a Catholic school setting, where her professional expertise and passion for the Faith come together in a powerful way.

Dr. Fox leads a strong and dedicated teaching team and is already laser-focused on academic excellence, faith formation, and increasing enrollment. She firmly believes that every Catholic family who desires a Catholic education for their children should be able to access it, and she is committed to strengthening both accessibility and excellence within our school. She also understands that a vibrant, faith-filled school naturally attracts families and is calling our entire parish community to help share that story. Dr. Fox is especially encouraged by the new school choice opportunities now available in Tennessee and looks forward to helping families take advantage of these programs.

As Dr. Fox begins this important work, there are many meaningful ways our parish can support her leadership and the mission of our school:

- Most importantly, through prayer—for wisdom, courage, and grace for Dr. Fox, our teachers, our students, and their families.
- Gifts to the Education Fund and Scholarship Funds, helping ensure that Catholic education remains accessible to families who desire it.
- Attending and sponsoring our annual School Auction and Gala, one of the most important sources of support for our school community.
- Following, liking, and sharing our school and parish social media posts, helping us spread the word about the incredible faith formation and academics happening at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Together, through prayerful support, generous stewardship, and joyful evangelization, we can help Dr. Fox and our school continue to grow as a strong, faith-filled community that forms disciples for the future.



Living the Anointed Life

At Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we are joyfully aligning our parish life with the Diocese of Memphis's Strategic Pastoral Plan, embracing its Six Priorities—Eucharistic Life, Formation, Evangelization, Unity, Steeped in Mercy, and Stewardship—as we deepen our identity as a missionary parish. This plan calls us to live more fully the “anointed life in Word and Sacrament,” inviting every member of our community to participate in the life of Christ and to share His love with our families, neighbors, and the broader West Tennessee community.





Eucharistic Life

At the heart of parish life is the encounter with Christ in the Sacraments. This year, as we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we give thanks for the many ways God's grace has been poured out on our parishioners—through Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, and ministry to the sick and homebound.

Each sacrament marks a step in our journey toward holiness and is a reminder of God's presence and faithfulness throughout all seasons of life.

By the Numbers

- **43 Baptisms**

We joyfully welcomed 43 children and adults into the family of God through the life-giving waters of Baptism.

- **32 First Holy Communions**

For 32 of our young parishioners, receiving the Eucharist for the first time was a sacred and unforgettable moment. We pray they will always hunger for the Bread of Life.

- **42 Confirmations**

The power of the Holy Spirit came upon 42 youth and adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation, empowering them to live as bold witnesses of the Gospel. Our community grows stronger each time a new soul is sealed with the Holy Spirit.

- **12 Marriages Celebrated**

We witnessed 12 couples exchange vows and begin their vocations in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Their "yes" to one another is a beautiful witness to God's covenantal love.

Adoration

This year, we added a second day of Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel. Now, parishioners and visitors can spend time with our Lord on Tuesdays and Fridays after 8:15 am Mass until 8 pm. We have a special parish Holy Hour each Tuesday at 7 pm. We also offer Family Holy Hours at times that are convenient for young families, allowing them to share Christ's true presence with their small children.

This sacramental life reminds us that God's grace is active, personal, and present—and that through these holy moments, we are being transformed into the image of Christ.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

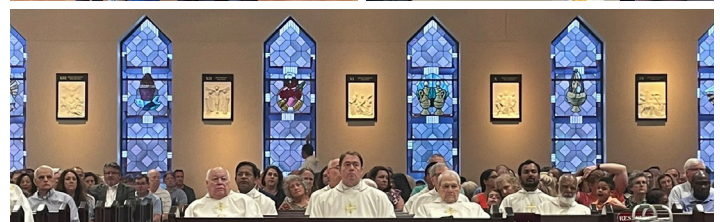
Our priests, deacons, and dedicated Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion continue to bring the love of Christ to those who cannot attend Mass in person. Whether in hospitals, nursing homes, or private residences, the Eucharist is brought with reverence and compassion to our brothers and sisters in need.

We offer:

- **Anointing of the Sick** on the first Saturday of each month, and by request for those undergoing surgery or facing serious illness.
- **Home Communion Visits** each week for parishioners who are homebound or recovering from illness.
- **Support and Prayer** from our parish family for caregivers, family members, and the sick.









Evangelization & Formation, Steeped in Mercy

Growing Disciples, Building Community

From small group studies to intergenerational formation experiences, Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues to thrive as a parish where faith is deepened, friendships are formed, and lives are changed. In 2025, we have witnessed extraordinary participation in spiritual development opportunities that are helping parishioners of all ages take the next step in their journey of discipleship. In addition to well-established ministries like the Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus, Fishers of Men, and St. Vincent De Paul, who are all active year-round in supporting our parish and parishioners, we have several recently introduced and growing ministries.

Alpha: A Culture-Changing Invitation

"Alpha was the spark that reignited my faith." – Parishioner testimony

Alpha has become a cornerstone of evangelization at Our Lady. Each session invites seekers and faithful alike to explore the big questions of life and faith in a warm, welcoming environment. Through meals, videos, and honest conversations, Alpha has helped build bridges and ignite personal transformation in the lives of our parishioners and invited guests.

Walking with Purpose: Women Growing in Grace

"I came for the Bible study, but I stayed for the sisterhood."

This year, over 150 women joined Walking with Purpose, deepening their relationship with Christ through Scripture, prayer, and community. The impact of this ministry continues to grow, as new leaders emerge and small groups form lifelong bonds rooted in faith.



Vacation Bible School: A Deep Dive into God's Word

With the theme "Let's Dive into the Word of God: From Creation to Joseph," this year's Vacation Bible School welcomed over 150 campers and 70 volunteers. Each day brought Scripture stories to life through music, crafts, games, and prayer. The week culminated in a beautiful Holy Hour where even our youngest participants encountered Jesus in the Eucharist with awe and reverence.

Family & Marriage Formation

We have continued to host monthly parent faith formation classes on Sunday mornings during PRE. Our Family Ministry hosts monthly family Rosary and potluck dinners along with service opportunities for families to do together. This year, they sang Christmas carols with our neighbors at Brookdale Assisted Living. These programs not only strengthen individual families but also foster a wider network of support and spiritual friendship among parents and couples. We are looking for creative ways to invite more parents and couples to experience the loving support of our Catholic community.





Evangelization & Formation, Steeped in Mercy

Youth & Young Adult Engagement

Our youth ministry continues to grow through seasonal retreats, Confirmation preparation, service projects, and liturgical participation. We've also offered Youth Holy Hours during Advent and Lent, creating space for young people to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and grow in personal prayer. Teen Faith is a monthly study for our high school students and we have Sunday evening programming for middle school and high school students. This year we added a Templar's program for young men. The Knights of the Holy Temple is a Catholic youth ministry for teenage boys (ages 14-18) focused on building Christian leadership, virtue, and brotherhood through spiritual formation, altar serving, community service, and fellowship, countering modern challenges like loneliness and cultural confusion by grounding them in faith, tradition, and the Eucharist, all under the guidance of a priest and adult mentors.



Small Groups & Adult Studies

In addition to Alpha and Walking with Purpose, parishioners have participated in:

- The Wild Goose
- 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
- The Forgotten Way
- 33 Days to Morning Glory
- When the Spirit Comes in Power
- The Return
- A Case for Christ

In all these ministries, we are responding to the promptings of the Holy Spirit—inviting, forming, and commissioning disciples who know and share the love of Christ. We also hosted a 2-night Parish Retreat, Filled with the Holy Spirit, led by Fr. Michael Voithofer. Over 600 people attended each session! Save the date for our next parish retreat scheduled for the evenings of December 14 and 15, 2026. We are excited to welcome Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, author of *Into the Fire -- Intimacy, Mission and Miracles: The Life of Adventure in the Holy Spirit*.

Support & Outreach

We now host an Alzheimer's Support Group on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. This growing ministry offers a compassionate community of encouragement and support for caregivers. We also continue to welcome Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. In addition, we recently added a support group for law enforcement officers—the Patrolman's Fraternity of St. Michael—to serve both active and retired first responders. We are deeply grateful to the dedicated members of our community who spearhead these efforts, allowing our parish to meet people where they are with care, dignity, and hope.





Unity

In response to the Diocese's call to foster unity within the Body of Christ, Our Lady of Perpetual Help has joyfully embraced opportunities to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our parish and the wider community. This year, we hosted two International Potluck gatherings, each representing more than 20 countries, offering a tangible expression of communion through shared food, fellowship, and faith. We are also blessed to share our campus with the Korean Catholic community, and to welcome several of their children into our school—creating natural opportunities for friendship, mutual understanding, and shared mission. In addition, our parish hosted multiple Indian Masses and receptions, as well as the Polish-American Christmas Dinner, each reflecting the beauty of our universal Church. It is a profound joy to witness so many cultures, traditions, and families united in Christ, strengthening our parish as one body with many members.





Church Financial Statements

Balance Sheets

Fiscal 2025

Fiscal 2024

Cash, unrestricted	\$1,185,344	\$1,073,677
Cash, restricted for Programs & Projects	433,145	688,536
Cash, restricted for UIF/UIIM	1,361,355	1,365,990
Other Current Assets	27,715	17,729
Total Cash & Current Assets	3,007,559	3,145,932
Investments	451,391	431,718
Property, Plant & Equipment	13,565,853	12,499,897
Total Assets	\$17,024,803	\$16,077,547
Current Liabilities	\$362,996	\$655,025
Net Assets	16,661,807	15,422,522
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$17,024,803	\$16,077,547

Operating Income Statement

Operating Revenue	\$1,965,710	\$1,803,686
Salaries & Employee Benefits	768,028	763,985
Administrative & General Expenses	107,302	134,689
Pastoral Expenses	158,778	165,995
Plant Operations & Maintenance	390,860	404,744
Security Services	25,902	24,986
Cathedraticum (<i>annual sum paid to Diocese</i>)	296,712	265,718
Total Operating Expenses	1,747,582	1,760,117
Operating Income	218,128	43,569
Interest Income	69,090	83,862
Total Income	\$287,218	\$127,431



School Financial Statements

School Balance Sheet

Fiscal 2025

Fiscal 2024

Cash, unrestricted	\$127,174	\$220,363
Cash, restricted	401,738	234,677
Endowment, Tuition	461,136	416,027
Funds invested with Diocese	167,085	159,803
Receivables	735	14,766
Other Current Assets	5,149	5,601
Property, Plant & Equipment	362,420	362,420
Total Assets	\$1,525,437	\$1,413,657
Current Liabilities	\$197,387	\$171,841
Net Assets	1,328,050	1,241,816
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,525,437	\$1,413,657

School Revenue & Expenses

Tuition	\$1,680,848	\$1,863,251
Other Revenue	279,180	308,566
School Operating Revenue	1,960,028	2,171,817

Salaries & Employee Benefits	1,578,744	1,568,306
Administrative & General Expenses	72,390	93,981
Plant Operations & Maintenance	228,734	162,698
Student Enrichment	167,520	272,232
Assessments & Subsidies	3,657	4,497
Total Operating Expenses	2,051,045	2,101,714
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(91,017)	70,103

Extraordinary Income

General Restricted Contributions	81,856	2,580
Funded Grants- Scholarship Funds	18,367	39,320
Funded Grants- Other Funded Grants	20,029	
Funded Grants- Educational Fund	49,303	91,224
Interest Income	25,555	35,091
Total Extraordinary Income	195,110	168,215
Total Restricted Expense	69,653	165,719
Extraordinary Income (Loss)	125,457	2,496

Total Income (Loss) Including Extraordinary Income	\$34,440	\$72,599
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