SHEBOYGAN NORTH
CATHOLIC PARISHES
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Every night before I go to bed, I make sure all the lights are off in the rectory. I've become a typical parent. And parents are right; I didn't pay for the electricity that lights our house. You did.

Every brick, every window, every pew—every aspect of our parish exists today because of a financial gift, or a gift of time or talent, that someone gave. And what is it all for? The glory of God and the salvation of souls in Sheboygan. Even the light bulbs, and the electricity that keeps them on.

Our mission as parishes is to evangelize, to help people know, love, and serve Jesus and their neighbor. Your financial support of our parishes has eternal consequences. Your dollars keep the lights on, and more importantly help the light of Christ reach into the hearts of souls.

Over the past two years, we've seen an increase in the number of people who have come back to the practice of their faith or have become Catholic for the first time. Your gifts make that possible. Here are two of their stories.



Collin

Since I've become Catholic and entered into full communion with His Church, I have developed a deeper relationship with God…My parish accompanied me through nine months of OCIA and paired me with a sponsor who supported me throughout the journey. Later, as my wife and I prepared for marriage, the parish guided us through marriage preparation and paired us with a sponsor couple. These sponsors, my OCIA teacher, and my pastor have become important parts of my life. I have formed great relationships with so many other Catholics, and I love God's Church.



Jesse

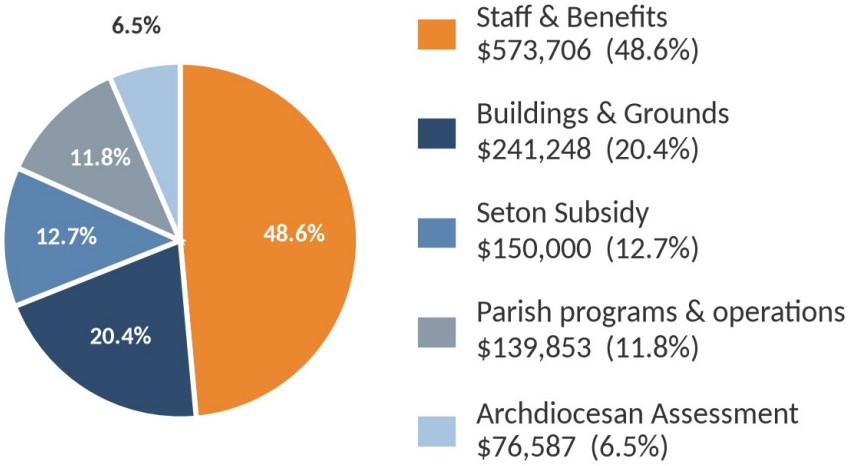
Once I was confirmed, I found myself saying, "I do not want to stop here! How can I continue to be a part of the Church community beyond Sunday Mass?" I looked in the bulletin and found a Called & Gifted workshop. I signed up for it and then joined the men's Bible study group. My children have also joined the faith formation classes offered by the parish.

I am not going to pretend that I was not fearful of joining these groups and completing my Sacraments. As a 36-year-old who was not well-read in the Bible and did not even own one, I was nervous. Entering a group of people who had highlighted Bibles and were well-read was intimidating, but Jesus was calling me to return to the Church and take one step at a time. The open arms and handshakes I have received from the Catholic community since beginning my journey with Christ have been unprecedented. There was no judgment, ridicule, or animosity. I was welcomed from my first step into the Church and felt that my brothers and sisters in Christ wanted me there and wanted me to grow alongside them.

How your gifts were used

January–September 2026, all three parishes combined

I want you to know that we strive to be good stewards of your gifts. From January through September 2026, our three parishes spent about $1.18 million to carry out our mission. To put it in weekly terms, it costs about $30,300 each week to keep our parishes running. Heat, electricity, and water for all three campuses alone come to about $2,200 a week.



About 50% of our expenses went to the people who serve our parishes (payroll). People are the greatest assets a parish has for fulfilling its mission—its clergy, yes, but especially its lay staff who do so much of the work. Our Catholic faith is also profoundly incarnational. Our buildings are important; we form them, and then they form us. About 20% of our expenses so far this year went towards buildings and grounds. Once you have people and buildings, you still need materials and supplies for office work, faith formation, and worship. This accounted for 12% of our expenses. Another 12% went towards subsidizing our Seton school, to help fulfill its mission "To form saints and scholars with the heart and mind of Christ." Finally, our parishes do not exist as isolated entities, but within the larger Church which is the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The remaining percentage —6.5%—went to support the larger Church.

Two asks

Support our present growth.

If you are able, please consider a modest increase to your giving this next year — or, if you do not yet give regularly, beginning a small recurring gift. Cash, envelopes, or online: every gift matters. *I know times can be challenging and uncertain financially, so I am grateful for the sacrifices you make to support our parishes.*

Give online: sheboygannorthcatholicparishes.org/giving/supporting-your-parish

Secure our future strength.

Please also consider remembering your parish in your will, or naming the parish as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy. Donations of appreciated stocks are also very welcome and appreciated. We would be glad to talk with you about any of these possibilities.

Thank you again for all you do to support our parishes. Know of my prayers.
God Bless,

Rev. Nicholas J Baumgardner

Fr. Nick Baumgardner

Pastor, Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes

En español

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