

St. Theresa's Parish
Shrine of the Little Flower

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Dear Parishioners,

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On behalf of the Parish Finance Council and myself, we would like to present the Parish financial report for 2025. Our sincere gratitude for your generosity and faithful support of our parish community.

Your weekly offertory and donations remain essential to sustaining the life and mission of our parish. We are grateful that contributions have remained relatively stable. In addition to offertory giving, our income is supplemented by sundry receipts, including a modest increase in candle offerings, as well as rental revenue from parking, and interest earned from parish investments.

Despite these efforts and our ongoing commitment to cost-saving measures, our financial position continues to show a deficit. Rising expenses, particularly for utilities, insurance, building maintenance, and winter snow removal, continue to place pressure on our parish resources.

We recognize that many families are also facing increased financial pressures. At the same time, the parish shares in these challenges. As such, we humbly appeal for your continued and, if possible, increased support through your regular offertory donations.

Shrine Wall Project Update: Since its soft launch in mid-2024, we have raised \$189,000 as of end of December 2025. These funds have been invested through the Chancery to earn interest, helping to maximize their value. As of last year, \$42,600 has been used for engineering consultancy fees and the cost of the LED wall sign, which was donated mainly by the Women's Group.

Work on the first phase of critical roof repairs has begun and will continue through the remainder of this spring. Given the urgency and scope of these repairs, our overall fundraising goal has been increased to \$400,000. Completing the roof work is a necessary step before we can proceed with the restoration of the exterior stucco wall. While we are encouraged by the progress made so far, we are just about halfway to our goal to date.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have already supported this vital project, helping to protect and preserve our beautiful yet humble St. Theresa's Shrine. In the coming months, we will be launching the second phase of our direct mail campaign and invite you to prayerfully consider making a pledge. A series of fundraising events have also been planned throughout the year. Your continued generosity and support for these initiatives will be crucial in bringing this important capital project to completion.

Ways to Give: In addition to offertory at mass, parishioners may donate using debit or credit through the **TipTap devices** in the church, **online** through our website, or by enrolling in **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**. Participation in PAG helps ensure a steady and reliable source of income for the parish, especially during times when attendance may be affected by weather or travel.

Thank you once again for your generosity, your faith, and your ongoing commitment to our parish. Through your support, our parish continues to flourish as a place of worship, service, and hope.

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Simon de Gale, Pastor