

St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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Fredericton Junction

St. Dunstan's
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Fredericton

† Sts. John & Paul
727 N M Hwy
New Maryland



*“Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
“I have seen the Lord”, and she told them what He had said to her.” Jn 20:18*

MISSION

St. Mary Magdalene Parish is a community of the Christian faithful; we are committed as a community to worship, to celebrate the word and sacraments and outreach in service to others, parishioners and non parishioners, with love, respect and support.

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord. As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the many ways God has been at work in our parish community. Through our shared prayer, worship, and service, we have continued to grow as a people united in faith and love.

This year has brought both blessings and challenges. We have celebrated the sacraments with joy—welcoming new members through Baptism, strengthening faith through Confirmation, and witnessing the beauty of Christian marriage. At the same time, we have walked together through moments of loss and hardship, supporting one another with compassion and hope.

We are especially thankful for the dedication of our parish volunteers and staff. Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure has made it possible for our ministries to flourish—from outreach to those in need, to faith formation for our children and youth, to the care and maintenance of our parish home.

As we look ahead, we are called to continue deepening our faith and extending Christ's love beyond our walls. Let us remain committed to prayer, to serving one another, and to being a welcoming presence in our wider community.

May God bless each of you and your families abundantly. Thank you for being an essential part of our parish life

Blessings!

Father Suresh Savariraj HGN Pastor

Father Peter Osborne Associate Pastor

***Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary.*** (Isaiah 40:31)



Part One: Pastoral Life of the Parish

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Pastoral Council unites the laity and pastors in a community of leadership and service.

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to promote the spiritual and pastoral growth of the parish community and to plan ways to carry out the mission of the Church. The Parish Pastoral Council and The Parish Finance Council work collaboratively as it is described in the Diocesan Policy on Parish Finance Councils. The Pastoral Council represents interests and pastoral needs of the entire Parish. The Pastoral Council looks to the Finance Council for sound financial guidance and planning regarding the resources needed to develop and implement the parish plan and programs.

More specifically, it is concerned with the full pastoral mission of the parish which includes liturgy, faith formation (children, youth and adults), pastoral visitation, hospitality, social action and every area of pastoral life that needs attention. They develop and support committees and other structures that come from the visioning process of the Pastoral Council with the whole parish in living the call of being on mission with Jesus Christ.

A review was held of the Pastoral Council structure as membership had not changed since inception of the new Parish. It was determined that there would be 10 members of Pastoral Council: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and seven general members.

The following are the **Parish Pastoral Council Members:**

Father Suresh Savariraj HGN

Father Peter Osborne

Evert Garcia, Chair

Lisa Ley, Vice-Chair

William Forrestall, Secretary

José Zerón

Mark Tejares

Adaobi Oneyor

Natasha Douthwright

Irene Shannon

Sheila McCarthy

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

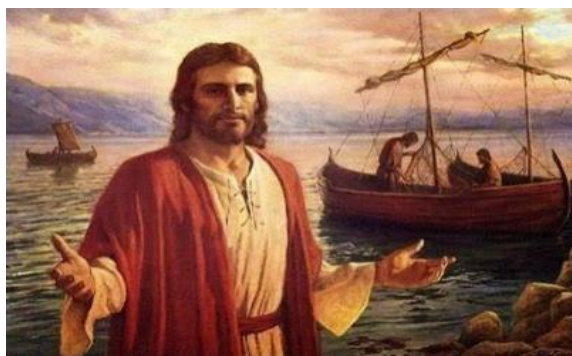
As we reflect on the blessings of 2025, we give thanks for the vibrant life of our parish community. Throughout the year, we gathered in faith and fellowship, celebrated the richness of our Catholic traditions, and deepened our relationship with Christ through Faith Formation, meaningful liturgical celebrations, and moments of reconciliation and prayer. We were especially encouraged by the participation of our youth and by parish events that strengthened our sense of unity, both within our parish and beyond it, as we stood together in prayer and solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Our parish continues to be sustained by the dedication, generosity, and faithful service of its parishioners, whose commitment makes our ministries and activities possible. We remain mindful of the ongoing call to welcome new parishioners and to invite all members of our community to share their gifts in service to the Church.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Fr. Suresh and Fr. Peter for their spiritual leadership and offer prayers for their continued health as they guide us in faith.

With grateful hearts, we look forward with hope to the year ahead as we continue our journey together in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Evert Sanders Garcia, Chair



Activities that took place during 2025

JANUARY:

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Fr. Suresh Birthday
- Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- Feast of the Holy Child Jesus
- Week of Christian Unity Service

FEBRUARY:

- Prayers for Peace in the World
- Candlemass
- Blessing of the Throat - Memorial of St. Blaise
- 33 Days Consecration to St. Joseph
- Little Rock Scripture Study
- Epiphany Chalk Blessing for Protection of our Homes

MARCH:

- Brunch For A Cause
- Shrove Tuesday
- Holy Rosary for the Healing of Pope Francis
- Lent Activities
- Soup Sunday
- Solemnity of St. Joseph

APRIL:

- Lent Regional Reconciliation
- "What Do You Seek?" Adult Faith Formation
- Parish Mission-3 Day Event
- Palm Sunday Mass
- Easter Triduum
- Easter Season Activities
- Divine Mercy Sunday
- Special Mass for Pope Francis

MAY:

- A Mass of Remembrance for Pope Francis & Prayer for the Upcoming Conclave
- National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- 2025 Annual General Meeting
- Special Mass for New Pope Leo XIV

- Feast of St. Dunstan's
- Communion Minister Workshop
- Fr. Peter Priesthood Anniversary
- Liturgy Ministry Appreciation Party
- Celebration For Our Lady of Fatima

JUNE:

- Fredericton Regional Jubilee Mission
- 2025 1st Eucharist and Confirmation
- Pentecost Day
- Dear Parishioners and Friends,
- Parish International Potluck for Steubenville
- Feast of St. Columba
- Reader's Workshop
- Filipino Canadian Heritage Month Thanksgiving Mass
- Feast of Sts. John & Paul
- Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus

JULY:

- Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
- Eucharist Procession
- Parish Picnic
- Altar Server Training
- World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

AUGUST:

- Parish Pastoral Council Election
- Hermitage Cemetery Mass Celebration

SEPTEMBER:

- Pilgrimage in Diocese of Saint John
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

OCTOBER:

- Public Square Rosary Rally
- Little Rock Scripture Study
- Start of Faith Formation
- St. Columba Turkey Supper
- Start of RCIA

NOVEMBER:

- All Soul's Day Commemoration Service
- Memorial Mass for Remembrance Day
- Special Mass - Red Wednesday
- Wedding Anniversary Mass
- Community Breakfast Fundraiser for Feast of Holy Child Jesus
- St. Dunstan's Art Competition
- Lectio Divina for Advent

- Advent Regional Reconciliation
- Sts. John & Paul Kids' Christmas Party
- Blessing of Miraculous Medals
- Community Kitchen Appreciation Lunch
- Christmas Exchange Program
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous People
- Christmas Novena Masses
- Faith Formation Christmas Party

DECEMBER:

A. Liturgy

St. Dunstan Church	St. Columba Church	Sts. John and Paul Church
Bonnie Boudreau Helen Chenier John Denning Karen Morris Margaret Savidge Lizeth Serrano José Zerón	Lynn Butler Shelley Knorr	Lorraine Bird Lisa Ley

The Liturgy committee is concerned with the organisation of all aspects of the liturgy life of the church:

- Scheduling and training of sacristans, altar servers, greeters, readers and Communion ministers.
- Scheduling of music ministers and ensuring that these ministers have the resources they need.
- Seasonal decoration of the churches.

There is a single whole-parish liturgy committee with representatives from all three churches. The committee met twice in 2025, once prior to Lent and once prior to Advent. The Committee members from each church also meet together as needed to address concerns relating to liturgy at their own church.

St. Dunstan's Sunday Mass attending: 500	St. Columba's: Sunday Mass attending: 35	Sts. John and Paul Sunday Mass attending: 80
Masses time Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:05pm Wednesdays & Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at 4 p.m. First Saturday 9 a.m Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 :30 a.m.	Mass time Sunday at 9 a.m.	Mass time Sunday at 11 a.m.
Rosary/Divine Mercy Tuesday at 2 p.m. Wednesday at 6 p.m.	Rosary Monday at 6:30 p.m.	Rosary Sunday at 10:10 a.m.
Adoration First Friday at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 6 p.m.		Adoration Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m.
Reconciliation Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.		

B. Children Faith Formation

Beginning on October 19, 2025, the parish returned to traditional Sunday catechism classes, offering individual grade-level sessions from Kindergarten through Grade 12. This renewed model allows children and youth to learn and grow in faith within their peer groups while supporting families in their role as primary teachers of the faith.

Grade 2 students focused on sacramental preparation using the programs *Blessed First Reconciliation* and *Blessed First Communion*. All other elementary and middle-school grades used the *Be My Disciple* series as their primary resource.

Grades 8 and 9 follow a two-year Confirmation preparation program. Students studied a book entitled *Decision Point*, supported by video content shown during class sessions. Before Christmas, Grade 8 students also participated in the *Alpha Youth* program, transitioning to their *Decision Point* book study after the Christmas season.

Volunteers

We are blessed with the support of over 28 dedicated volunteers who generously serve in a variety of roles, including teaching (catechists), music ministry, hospitality and coffee service, and supervision during Faith Formation sessions. Their commitment and joyful service make our ministry possible and strengthen our parish community.

Sacrament Preparation (Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)

On June 8, 2025, 25 children received their First Holy communion at a Mass held at St. Dunstan's Church. A reception was held after mass.

In October 19, 2025, children started to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion through a program called Blessed First Reconciliation / Blessed First Communion during in-person sessions to watch and discuss videos.

Catechists:

Lizeth Serrano Patricia Roussy

Confirmation Preparation

A Confirmation Retreat for Confirmation Candidates from St. Mary Magdalene, Our Lady of Peace and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parishes was held on May 11th at Holy Family Church with Sr. Karen Kelly as retreat facilitator and Confirmation Catechists assisting.

On June 1st, 2025, Bishop Christian Riesbeck confirmed 13 parish youth at the first Regional Confirmation Mass at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parishes.

In the fall of 2025, 19 youth (Grade 8 / Year 1) registered to begin Confirmation Preparation and completed a 11-week Alpha Youth Course with Confirmation Candidates and leaders from the Fredericton region (Our Lady of Peace, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parishes). An

online retreat was held on November 22nd. 15 Youth (Grade 9 + / Year 2) registered to continue the book study called Decision Point and YouCat.

Catechists:

Grade 8:

Marlene Rodriguez Neala Braedley Mary McMahon

Grade 9:

Lino Ramirez Stephen Mazerolle

2025 Special Events

On November 23, 2025, thirteen catechists attended a special Mass celebrated by Father Peter Osbourne. Before the final blessing, the catechists were invited to come forward to the sanctuary, where they read and signed the *Yearly Catechist Commitment Form*. Parishioners were invited to pray for them during this moment of dedication. This ceremony took place at the end of the Mass, after which Father Peter offered a special blessing over the catechists as they concluded the signing.

On January 30, 2026, 12 catechists attended the annual Diocesan Catechist Retreat led by Jim Anderson at the Villa Madonna Retreat House.

The Holy Family church hosted a NET Team Retreat on October 3, 2025, for the Fredericton Region from grades 8 to 12. A few youths from St. Dunstan attended this wonderful retreat.

C. Adult Faith Formation

In the fall of 2025, parents of children registered in the Faith Formation program were invited to participate in an Adult Faith Formation initiative. During these sessions, parents engaged in a book study titled *Discovery*, which provided opportunities for shared learning and reflection. Attendance varied between 40 and 50 parents each Sunday. The group began each session together and then divided into four smaller groups for discussion on the material presented in the book. This ministry was supported and facilitated by a dedicated team of five catechists who guided the weekly sessions and fostered meaningful conversations.

Catechists:

Jose Zerón Myra Torralba Samson Awuapila Vivien Zelazny Matt Dinan

Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)

During the years 2024-2025 and 2026, Saint Mary Magdalene (SMM) Parish initiated a project to run a program related to Faith Formation, preparing parents to be the main teachers of their own kids in Faith Formation. They are principally responsible for bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to their children and forming new apostles, creating their own Domestic Church.

The highest purpose of this initiative is totally related to CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) to develop this mission of new evangelization through parents. CCO is an evangelization ministry that supports parishes in their efforts to lead people along the path of discipleship through small group faith studies. It is a personal encounter with Jesus, growing in holiness and mission. Today, challenges in the Catholic Church bring new responsibilities, and for that reason, we are applying this program in SMM Parish in conjunction with CCO. Teaching parents and preparing them to be the teachers of their children at home is looking, at the same time, to evangelize parents with the word of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At SMM Parish, every Sunday between the 9:00-10:00 am Mass and the 11:30 Mass, we have an excellent window of 90 minutes to teach Catechism to our children in the parish with an exceptional group of catechists. Meanwhile, children are in faith formation, parents are being formed by a group of catechists as new apostles. Parents are assuming their responsibility to be the main educators in the faith of their children.

The responsibility of "Parents Faith Formation" falls on a group of catechists who have committed to initiating the project in 2024-2025 with CCO's "Discovery" book (level 1) at SMM Parish. The lead was initiated with the help of Mayra Torralba, Patricia Roussy, and José Zerón. After a positive first year, the Holy Spirit helped us with a new leader, Nadine LeBlanc, in charge of SMM Parish Faith Formation and a parent from our first Faith Formation year group: Saater Awuapila [Samson], who decided to be part of our new year group (2026-2027) of catechesis for Parents. It is also great to say that the Holy Spirit never stops helping and brought us two new excellent parent members who decided to join us: Vivien Zelazny and Matt Dinan. We are praying to the Holy Spirit to continue to assist us in this mission.

We have been studying and working with 30-35 families' members, preparing them with the CCO Faith Study Series book: "DISCOVERY" again in 2026. This Level 1 book invites to encounter Christ through a simple but challenging look at the Gospel message. This year, we finished with this book and are now decided to close with a Lectio Divina series. We will be reflecting and praying with every Sunday Gospel to teach parents to apply this at home with the family. We are ending the school year 2026 with this activity.

CCO's Faith Study Series program that we want to apply and work at SMM Parish has progression levels. Progressing with Level 2 "SOURCE": introduces the Holy Spirit. Level 3 "GROWTH" examines the fundamental practices of our Christian life. Level 4 "TRUST" deepens trust in God. And Level 5 "COMMISSION" focuses on our missionary identity as Catholics.

Finally, as catechists, we ask our SMM community for their spiritual and personal support. We need the SMM parish to continue backing this project to help more families grow in faith. With the help of our Lord Jesus, we will create faithful domestic Catholic churches.

D. Ongoing Faith Formation

Little Rock Scripture - Jayne Nicki

This is a diocesan- supported, parish-based program that originated in Little Rock Arkansas, in 1974 and has been offered at St. Dunstan's since the fall of 2003. Its purpose is to lead people to a greater understanding and appreciation of Scripture through activities such as prayer, personal study, weekly small group discussion, and video lectures, using books of the Bible and thematic sources.

In the winter and spring of 2025, the group discussed Ronald Rolheiser's Wrestling with God, followed by the Little Rock study, Spirituality of Paul in the fall. Both were available in the six-week sessions held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

St. Columba Monday Night Prayer Group offers seasonal activities for Advent and Lent, coordinated by Shelley Knorr. We also met weekly last year to watch seasons 4 and 5 of The Chosen.

Baptisms Preparation

The parents and godparents are invited for interview/pre baptismal course. They are encouraged to celebrate the baptism during the Mass. After baptism, a certificate of baptism is given to them. Number of baptisms for 2025 was 29.

RCIA

Fr. Suresh coordinates the RCIA. When someone is inquiring about the Catholic Faith, Fr. Suresh connects them with a team of two or more members of our parish, and they move through a process of regular meetings and use the “*Journey of Faith Pamphlets*” Press published by Ligouri Press as an input and resource. They follow an adult faith formation format for their regular gatherings which include prayer, faith sharing, input on a particular theme, and social time together. Baptisms usually take place on Easter Vigil.

Marriage

The couple, interested in celebrating their wedding in the church, reach out to the office six months before desired date. Fr. Peter or Father Suresh will contact them. Then the priests will have interviews with them and collect the needed documents, forward them to the diocese, asking for permission to witness the wedding. Meanwhile, the priest will be meeting with the couple for pre-marital courses. After the wedding, a certificate of marriage is sent to Service NB. Number of weddings in 2025 was 15.

E. Communion to Shut-Ins and Sick

Along with priests, we have faithful and dedicated parishioners who are involved in this ministry. They bring communion to the sick and shut-ins on request. If anyone is interested in receiving the communion, or if you are interested in providing this service, please call the office to provide your name and contact information. We also pray for the sick during the Eucharistic celebrations. Mass is celebrated once a month at St. Anne Court, Shannex (ST. Thomas Hall) and occasionally at Pine Grove. A few parishioners participate in the mass at these places.

Presently this Ministry is coordinated and carried out in each Church as follows:

St Dunstan's Church	St Columba Church	Sts John and Paul Church
Mary McMahon Ned Carroll	Al Landry	Lorraine Bird

F. Funeral Ministry

Upon receiving the message from funeral home or family members of deceased, priests, sacristans, musicians and reception coordinators are communicated. They coordinate with priests and other volunteers to celebrate the life of the deceased. Thanks to the retired priests and funeral homes in helping with us.

We have Hermitage Catholic Cemetery on Woodstock Road at Fredericton and Gladstone Catholic Cemetery at Fredericton junction.

Funeral forms are available with Debbie in our Parish Office.

We share deep sentiments of sorrow and hope in the resurrection with the families and friends of the deceased.

St Dunstan's Church	St Columba Church	Sts John and Paul Church
Liturgy: Jose Zerón Reception: Mary McMahon	Liturgy: Lynn Butler Reception: Shelley Knorr	Liturgy: Gerald Mercer Reception: Lisa Ley

G. Prayer Line Ministry

Frances Briand – coordinator

12 volunteers

In 2025, our Prayer Line Ministry faithfully supported our parish community by responding to over 90 requests for prayers, along with several messages of thanksgiving received between January and December of the year.

We are blessed to have more than 14 dedicated volunteers who generously offer their time and hearts to lift these intentions in prayer. Their commitment ensures that parishioners who depend on the Prayer Line for spiritual support—whether for healing, guidance, strength, or gratitude—are lovingly accompanied by a community rooted in faith.

We give thanks to our volunteers and for all those who entrusted us with their prayer intentions throughout the year. May God continue to bless this ministry and all who serve and are served by it.

H. Outreach

Financial donation through the weekly offertory over the year is necessary to help the less fortunate. Presently, the following programs are being supported: Christmas Exchange Program; Development and Peace; The Community Kitchen; Outreach at Wilmot United Church; The Greener Village Food Bank.

St Dunstan’s Church

Pauline Arnold
John Denning

Nadine LeBlanc
Beth Nicholas

Debbie Brooks
Virginia Jackson

Christmas Exchange Program Update

The Parish Christmas Exchange Program is a compassionate outreach initiative dedicated to supporting individuals and families in need throughout the Fredericton Region community. Rooted in the spirit of Christian charity and the mission of St. Dunstan’s Parish, the program provides meaningful assistance during the Christmas season by offering gift cards to those experiencing financial hardship.

Each year, from November 1st to October 31st of the following year, parishioners generously contribute monetary donations that form the heart of this mission. These contributions are carefully collected, stewarded, and then used to purchase gift cards for the following Christmas season. Through this ongoing cycle of giving, our parish community ensures that struggling households can enjoy greater comfort, dignity, and hope during a time of year that can otherwise be especially challenging.

On December 18, 2025, the annual distribution of Christmas gift cards took place at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. A total of **29 gift cards**, each **valued at \$250**, were provided—one per household—to support individuals and families in need within the Fredericton Region community. The gift cards were issued by **Sobeys** and could be redeemed at **various participating locations** listed on the cards. This flexibility ensured that recipients had practical options for purchasing groceries and essential items during the Christmas season.

YEAR	AMOUNT \$
2025	\$7,250
2024	\$8,600
2023	\$13,400
2022	\$29,200
2021	\$24,200

St Columba Church

Lynn Butler, Juanita Gaudet and Pauline Mott

Presently St Columba supports the following programs: Christmas Exchange Program, the Food Bank and the Homeless Shelters.

Sts John and Paul Church

Jim Ley and Lisa Ley

Sts. John and Paul have supported the following organizations: Greener Village in general collections of non-perishable foods, school snacks collections, and we have had youth go on to volunteer on their own. The Salvation Army in collection of winter outerwear as well as aiding Christmas families. The King Street Clinic with donations of hygiene products, gloves, hats, and socks. The homeless shelters, Transition House and animal rescues. We continue to strive to support those in our community and reach out to various organizations in the greater Fredericton and surrounding areas.

The Community Kitchen

Kim Baxter	George MacMullin	Alynn Morrison	Richard Duke
Darren Baxter	Mary McMahan	Gary Morrison	Gerry Mercer
Mary Beth Gorey	Melanie Beaulieu	Robert Martin	Paola Marusic
Roly McSorley	Norm Beaulieu	Grace Martin	Lorraine Bird
Linda Roach	Jimmy Beltran	Ned Carroll	Ronnie Peter
Gerard Nkurunziza	Beth Nicholas	Karen Finley	Rose-Anne DiGiacinto

Our Parish ministry to the Fredericton Community Kitchen began in 2017 when we partnered with Wilmot United Church to cover the supper shift on Sundays. During COVID, our parish continued to send volunteers for food preparation when the Kitchen provided take-out meals only. When the Kitchen reopened for full meal service, Wilmot United no longer had volunteers available on Sundays. Our Parish put out a call for more volunteers with a good response. 4 teams of 6 were formed to cover the supper shift each Sunday. The spares who covered for team members unable to make their shift were John Denning, Susan Brophy, Jamie Ryan, Louise Boucher, Lilia Cozzarini and Jonathan Ssengooba. Our outreach ministry, serving the most vulnerable members of the greater Fredericton community experiencing food insecurity, continued until the end of August, 2025 when the management of the Community Kitchen chose to change the model of scheduling for the Sunday supper shift. On December 7, Father Suresh, Father Peter and the Pastoral Council hosted a brunch at the Knights of Columbus Hall in honor of all parishioners who volunteered at the Community Kitchen through the years, to recognize their contributions to our parish and the Greater Fredericton community. Several parishioners continue to volunteer at the Kitchen.

Taxi Voucher - Esther Archibald

The Taxi Voucher Ministry provides a way for parishioners who may not have the financial means or transportation the ability to attend church functions. The ministry has been in place for over 11 years. In 2025, over 230 vouchers were used to assist 7 parishioners to attend mass. Participants feel blessed to actively participate in church life.

I. Truth and Reconciliation

Graydon Nicholas	Katherine Forestell	Chris McAloon	Beth Nicholas
Cristian Ramirez Rodriguez	Katie Crawford	Judy Ingram	

The St. Mary Magdalene Parish Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC) was formed in September 2023 by a group of concerned parishioners, at the invitation of Father Suresh, for the purpose of raising awareness about Indigenous issues in our parish, and our desire to move forward with concrete steps toward Truth and Reconciliation. During our monthly meetings, we make efforts to inform ourselves so we can help to educate parishioners on Indigenous issues, pursuant to call to action

59 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which calls upon churches “to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church’s role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary”. In the spirit of reconciliation, one of our members composes an intention for the Prayer of the Faithful each week. On February 23, we gave a presentation to the Confirmation Class and Katie Crawford shared Indigenous teachings at the Confirmation Retreat on April 5. Our members led the Residential Schools Way of the Cross on March 25. In observance of May 5, National Awareness Day for Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People, we included an insert in the bulletin and had a short educational talk and video before the weekend Masses. We used that same format in September to inform parishioners about the significance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. A special Mass, presided by Bishop Riesbeck, on December 12, in celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, was followed by a reception hosted by the Pastoral Council. Katie, along with members of the Latino Community, provided the music ministry. Proceeds of the offertory collection were donated to Gignoo Transition House. Information about the Truth and Reconciliation journey, including an explanation about the Land Acknowledgement, can be found on our Parish website as well as links to the websites of the Diocese of Saint John, the CCCB and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Parishioners are welcome to attend our meetings. We would be happy to answer your questions and to give presentations to other groups and committees.

J. Communication

Christian Joy Aniceto
Marie Tejares

Rafael Tan
Matthew Brennan

Evert Garcia
Debbie Brooks

Richard Brennan

The Communication Ministry in our parish serves as a vital link between the church and its parishioners. This organization ensures that everyone stays informed and connected. Our goal is to effectively share important announcements, spiritual reflections, and parish events through various communication channels, including the weekly bulletin, email, phone outreach, social media, and livestreaming. This ministry is made up of dedicated volunteers who work behind the scenes to create, manage, and distribute content that fosters engagement and strengthens our faith community. By embracing both traditional and digital platforms, we strive to keep our parishioners informed, inspired, and involved in the life of the Church.

- **Parish Bulletin:** A printed bulletin available in all our churches, and a weekly dose of parish information and activities.
- **Social Media:**
 - o Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarymagdaleneaparishfredericton>
 - o Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmarymagdaleneaparishfreddy/>
 - o YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdaleneaparish>

K. St. Dunstan’s Men’s Group - Jimmy Beltran

The work of the St. Dunstan’s Men’s Group in 2025 has been centered on three pillars: prayer, fellowship, and faith formation. We continue to be a community of approximately 15 regular members, with over 30–40 men participating at least once throughout the year. Meeting once a month, we have created a space where men can pray together, build authentic friendships, and deepen their understanding of the faith. Throughout 2025, our gatherings have included:

- Monthly Rosary Nights and communal prayer
- Faith discussions aimed at strengthening our understanding of Catholic teaching
- Conversations on leadership, fatherhood, and Christian witness
- Fellowship evenings that foster fraternity and accountability

Website: <https://www.cyafredericton.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692007327536470>

L. Parish Statistics/Sacraments

Baptisms of children under one year of age	19
Baptisms of children aged one to seven	5
Baptisms of all persons over seven years of age	5
Confirmations of Youth at St. Theresa's Church	13
Confirmations of adults	1
First Communion of children and adults	31
Marriages between two Catholics	10
Marriages between one Catholic and one non-Catholic	5
Deaths	21
Approximate number of children in Catechetical Program	128

Associations:

M. Development and Peace Committee

Chris McAloon, Chair Virginia Jackson Adaobi Oneyer

Development and Peace (D & P) at our parish level is in a period of transition. We trust in the always ongoing and creative work of the Holy Spirit, to inspire and bring forth new energy for all parish ministries, which, among many, includes the essential call to Social Justice outreach. D & P in our parish seeks those who have a desire to actively respond to the social justice imperatives of the Gospel beyond our parish boundaries. We seek first to educate ourselves {our Global South & elsewhere, sisters & brothers are our primary teachers}, about the many privileges we enjoy in the North, as part of a developed nation, and to advocate for and support the rights and countless gifts of our vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South and elsewhere, who face numerous challenges to development. D & P seeks to both provide real support and on the ground partnership, while also shedding light as needed. Prayer, reflection, and action are one. Jesus' words continue to ring out to us today: *"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I was a stranger and you welcomed me...naked and you gave me clothing..." (Matt. 25: 34-3655).*

D & P has been most gifted and blessed in our parish for many years, with first, you, our faithful parishioners, who have prayerfully and financially supported its ongoing educational work, advocacy, petition campaigns, and the annual Share Lent collection... its primary source of funding. We also in our parish have been deeply blessed with the many gifts of parishioners, who have generously stepped forward for years to actively promote D & P at our parish level... too many to name... but we express our most sincere gratitude to each and every one. Parish volunteers for D & P across our nation are absolutely core to enabling its essential work. But we are now, as mentioned, in a transition, and in need of new parish volunteers. Our annual Share Lent campaign for 2025 was most fortunate to have a long-serving D & P volunteer member help promote the campaign, and in particular, the Solidarity Sunday collection. But our parish now needs someone, or ideally a few people, to continue to ensure the promotion of D & P within our parish. Some parish materials have been ordered, and we hope to have them soon for you to pray with, reflect, and support as you can. The Share Lent campaign for 2026 is: **On Track For Justice**. Please read about it at devp.org. Thank you kindly, as always, for your prayer and ongoing vital support. Please take it to prayer and discern if the Holy Spirit may be calling you to pick up the torch for D & P in our parish. Thanks once again.

N. Catholic Women's League

President: Mary Sorensen

Treasurer: Phyllis Burke

Secretary: Linda Guidice

Faith: Mary McMahon

Membership: Bonnie Boudreau

Corresponding Secretary: Jeannine Cochrane

Total number of members: 60+

The St. Mary Magdalene Parish Catholic Women' League meets monthly from September to June, alternating meeting locations between St. Dunstan's and Sts. John & Paul Church Sites. Below are the activities we did during the year 2025:

- We gave out Service Pins to 18 ladies at our closing party in June
- We have two fundraisers specifically for CWL during the year:
 - Gift Card Tree in November/December
 - Spring/Mother's Day Basket in March & April
- We sent a Spiritual Bouquet to Kim Scammel at her retirement.
- We completed our National Annual Report Survey in December
- We provide cake and gifts to our Confirmation Candidates, First Communion Candidates and RCIA candidates
- We send Christmas Cards to our inactive members at home or in nursing homes
- We attended World Day of Prayer
- We donate \$150 each to several local non-profits.
- We hold two parties (usually go out to lunch) at Christmas and our Closing Party.
- Several members attend St. Theresa's Twilight Retreat.
- Made soup for our Priests' Retreat.
- We give a bursary to a parishioner or a CWL Member who goes back to school
- Many attended the Feast Day Celebration for Our Lady of Good Counsel at St. Francis of Assisi

O. Knight of Columbus - Rob O'Kane (Grand Knight) 156 members in total

We held 12 community breakfasts, and one of our breakfasts was for one of our brothers, Ryan Tapley, who is a seminarian and we held a special breakfast for the church volunteers of the Fredericton Community Kitchens. We also led the Freddy Beach Student welcome party to help with the BBQing. We assisted with the Feast Celebrations for St. Mary Magdalene Parish BBQ at the St. Dunstan's Church site. We purchased and donated Council 1942 jackets for our priests, Father Suresh and Father Peter. We held inter-council events with other Knights in the greater Fredericton area for hockey and basketball at the MBFC as well as a Coats for Kids campaign at our hall where we gave out free coats to anyone who came in. We also supported an event to help raise money for Joan Tan, wife of our brother Rafael Tan, and we hosted a Filipino night as well. We now have 156 members. Many of our members put in countless other volunteer hours.

P. Couples for Christ - Floyd Otadoy

Couples for Christ began in Manila in 1981 with a simple dream: to help married couples rediscover God's plan for their family life. What started as a small gathering of couples has grown into a global movement present in more than 160 countries. Its mission is clear and powerful: **to build the Church of the home and the Church of the poor**. Here in Canada, that mission has taken root in almost every province and territory.

The Church has affirmed CFC's work over the years. In 1996, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines recognized it as a National Private Association of Lay Faithful. In 2000, the Vatican acknowledged CFC as a Private International Association of the Faithful, and in 2005 granted it permanent and definitive recognition. These milestones place CFC among the officially recognized lay movements of the Catholic Church.

CFC believes that strong families build a strong society. Through formation programs, household communities, and missionary work, CFC helps couples grow in faith, deepen their love for one another, and raise children grounded in Christian values. Its family ministries—Kids for Christ, Youth for Christ, Singles for Christ, Handmaids of the Lord, and Servants of the Lord—ensure that every member of the family has a spiritual home.

In Fredericton, our community continues to grow with **30 couples, 15 Singles for Christ, 6 Handmaids of the Lord, 15 Youth for Christ, and 24 Kids for Christ**. Through ANCOP's Child Sponsorship Program, we have also supported **14 students** from different countries, living out our call to serve the poor.

CFC members are active not only in the community but also in parishes, serving as lectors, communion ministers, and music ministers. Together, we strive to be a living witness of God's love—forming families in the Holy Spirit and renewing the face of the earth.

Q. The Feast Light – Fredericton - Mark Tejares, Chair

The Feast Light New Brunswick – Fredericton (The Feast) is a gathering of members of the Light of Jesus Family. It is a place where people come together to grow in faith and experience God's love within a joyful and welcoming community. At The Feast, we begin with praise and worship, thanking and glorifying God through songs and prayer. This is followed by an inspiring talk that guides us in our daily lives and strengthens our relationship with God. The Feast usually features a series of talks, with at least four sessions in each series. These talks are designed to nourish not only our physical lives but, more importantly, our spiritual lives.

In 2025, we had the following talk series:

- **Rested** – “Rested” is a seven-talk series designed to address the challenges of overworking and underliving, often described as a modern “pandemic.” The series emphasizes the importance of Sabbath, which brings two essential blessings: a rhythm of rest and a rhythm of relationship
- **Under One Roof** – “Under One Roof” is a six-part talk series that explores the complexities of family life, recognizing that while people may live under one roof, their hearts often live in different worlds. The series discusses both the blessing and brokenness of families, highlighting that all families are blessed and broken at the same time. It encourages individuals to understand how family dynamics influence their spiritual journey and reminds us that while families can hurt us, they can also heal us. The overarching message, “your family will bless other families,” suggests that personal growth and healing can positively impact others.
- **More Than Enough** – “More Than Enough” is a four-part talk series that explores God's perspective on money and teaches how to align your financial mindset with His vision. It emphasizes that true transformation happens when you place your resources under God's rule, recognize His generosity in providing for all creation, and embrace your role as a steward of His wealth. The series encourages believers to pray for “more than enough” as a reflection of God's abundant nature and invites individuals to reflect deeply on their financial decisions and relationship with money so they can experience a more meaningful, purpose-filled, and abundant life.

More than just a gathering, The Feast is a celebration of God's love for all. It is also a community that warmly welcomes those who may feel distant from the church — often referred to as the “unchurched.” Here, everyone is welcome, accepted, and loved.

The Feast is truly a place where people can belong, grow spiritually, and encounter God's love together.

Part Two: Finance and Administration

The Parish Finance Council

Good stewardship is a shared responsibility within every Catholic parish. The Parish Finance Council plays a vital role in supporting the pastor in the careful administration of the parish's temporal goods. Established in accordance with the norms of Canon Law, the Finance Council serves as a consultative body that offers expertise, oversight, and prudent advice to ensure that Parish resources are managed with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

The Council assists the Pastor in reviewing financial statements, preparing budgets, monitoring expenditures, and planning for the long-term sustainability of parish ministries, facilities, and charitable outreach. Its members bring professional experience and a commitment to the mission of the Parish, helping to ensure that financial decisions reflect both sound management practices and the Gospel values of stewardship and service.

The Finance Council works collaboratively with the Pastoral Council to support the Pastors', safeguard the trust of parishioners, honor the generosity of donors, and support the spiritual and pastoral work of the Parish community. This financial report is one expression of that commitment to openness and responsible stewardship.

The Council is required to comply with:

- the Policy on Parish Finance Councils – Diocese of Saint John in fulfilling its responsibilities.
- Personnel Policies and Administrative Procedures.
- Applicable laws including without limitation related to charitable organizations under the Income Tax Act, (ITA), Employment Standards (federal & provincial), Human Rights legislation (federal & provincial and Privacy (PIPEDA).

Parish Finance Council Members are:

Father Suresh Savariraj, HGN
George MacMullin, Vice-Chair
Jerry McCann
Jeffrey Santos

Fr. Peter Osborne
Gerald Mercer
Anne Macies
Anthony Frank Masi Zegarre

Brent Jamael, Chair
Francine Jones- Harnish
Samson Awuapila

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

St. Mary Magdalene Parish consists of three church sites: St. Dunstan's Church, Saints John & Paul Church, and St. Columba Church and two cemeteries.

On behalf of the Finance Council, I want to express gratitude for the generosity, dedication, and prayerful support that sustain our Parish. These numbers reflect far more than revenues and expenses—they represent the collective commitment of a community that cares deeply about its mission, its people, and its future.

Over the past year, we have seen encouraging signs of renewed engagement. Parishioners have stepped forward in new ways: volunteering, participating in ministries, supporting outreach efforts, and offering their time and talents together with their financial contributions. This growing involvement strengthens not only our financial position but also the spiritual and communal life of our parish.

Your contributions—whether through regular offertory, pre-authorized debits (PAD), e-transfers, special collections, fundraising efforts, or volunteer service—make it possible for us to maintain our facilities, support our clergy and staff, offer sacramental and pastoral care, and respond to the needs of our wider community. Every act of stewardship, large or small, helps us live out the Gospel in practical and meaningful ways.

As we look ahead, we hope to continue building a culture of shared responsibility. Our parish thrives when each of us plays a part in its life and mission. I encourage you to stay engaged, ask questions,

participate in parish initiatives, and consider how you might deepen your involvement in the coming year.

On behalf of the Finance Council, thank you for your trust, your generosity, and your commitment to our parish family. Together, we are ensuring that our community remains vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable for years to come.

With a modest increase in donations, we continue to incur an operating deficit in the amount of \$133,293. on day-to day operations. With both a shortfall and upcoming capital expenditures including the replacement of roof membrane on flat roof sections of the MBFC (est. to cost more than \$250,000.) and light fixtures, we'll need to draw from our Building Fund.

Investment income derived from the sale proceeds of the St. Dunstan's School together with bequests generously left to the parish by faithful members offsets our operating deficit and results in Net Income in the amount of \$265,010. This legacy has been wisely invested yet it is not prudent to rely indefinitely on past gifts to meet present needs, approximately 20% of our budget.

There are slightly over 450 households that make regular financial contributions.

No. of envelope users:	268
No. of PAD users	<u>183</u>
TOTAL	451

In addition, we receive loose cash that accounts for 20% of total contributions.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who faithfully contribute to the financial well-being of the Parish.

The work of the Council benefits from volunteers who meet regularly to decide on Parish matters, maintain our buildings and grounds, fundraise, count funds collected, record and deposit funds.

Brent Jamael, Chair

There are three standing committees reporting to the Finance Council:

A. Building and Grounds

Richard Brennan, Chair	Brent Jamael	Jerry McCann	Raju Kurian
Normand Beaulieu	Gerry Mercer		

B. Cemetery

Bob Scott, Chair	Peter Fitzpatrick	Mark Shannon	Michelle Brzak
Gerry Keenan	Anne Macies		

C. Human Resources

Anne Macies	Francine Jones-Harnish	Brent Jamael
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D. Collection Counters

Pat O'Brien	Dorren Cormier	Ron Murray	Mike Flynn	Verna Shaw
Hector Losier	Bonnie Boudreau	Linda Guidice	Bob Michaud	Peter Fitzpatrick
Ned Caroll	Harold DeCoursey			

Special thanks to:

Mike Minifie	Debbie Brooks	Nadine LeBlanc	
Matthew Brennan (<i>Acting Finance Manager</i>)		Sheron Weerakon	
Chad Miller	Eric Guitard	Denzel Ogbu	Ronnit Peters

E. Financial Reports

St. Mary Magdalene Parish Balance Sheet

As of December 31 2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>	<u>Dec 31, 24</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
Bank Account	103,105.70	154,507.72
Petty Cash	300.00	300.00
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>103,405.70</u>	<u>154,807.72</u>
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable (General)	632.50	3,230.59
Accounts Receivable (Cemetery)	9,292.25	36,500.80
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>9,924.75</u>	<u>39,731.39</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	9,924.75	39,731.39
Other Current Assets		
Due to/from Bank	6,462.50	0.00
Undeposited Funds/Cash Float	21,595.00	1,905.31
Inventory	553.54	553.54
HST Receivable	15.39	2,146.51
HST Recoverable (50%)	3,144.94	7.20
Total Other Current Assets	<u>31,771.37</u>	<u>4,612.56</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>145,101.82</u>	<u>199,151.67</u>
Other Assets		
Investments		
Investments, Church	3,042,427.02	2,707,244.55
Investments, Cemetery	392,769.49	349,427.28
Investments, IPLF	284,955.83	275,468.31
Total Investments	<u>3,720,152.34</u>	<u>3,332,140.14</u>
Prepaid Expenses	106.11	-0.02
Total Other Assets	<u>3,720,258.45</u>	<u>3,332,140.12</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>3,865,360.27</u></u>	<u><u>3,531,291.79</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable (General)	19,179.52	43,225.20
Accounts Payable (Cemetery)	0.00	443.10
Total Accounts Payable	<u>19,179.52</u>	<u>43,668.30</u>
Total Accounts Payable	19,179.52	43,668.30
Credit Cards		
Mastercard Payable	0.00	1,406.70
Total Credit Cards	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,406.70</u>
Other Current Liabilities		

As of December 31 2025

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>	<u>Dec 31, 24</u>
Rental Deposits Payable	250.00	0.00
Due to Diocese of Saint John	29,185.08	0.00
Due to Local Programs	5,060.86	3,128.07
Restricted Funds		
Mass Intentions	7,189.64	8,928.64
Building	243,161.64	228,280.67
Poor & Needy	80,553.69	67,027.39
Refugees		
Refugee Committee Lottery	3,270.00	3,270.00
Refugees - Other	-1,816.81	-1,876.81
Total Refugees	1,453.19	1,393.19
Restricted Funds - Other	-331,845.96	-305,629.89
Total Restricted Funds	512.20	0.00
Payroll Liabilities		
Accrued Vacation Payable	722.00	3,696.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	722.00	3,696.00
HST Payable (60%)	628.36	-276.00
Accrued Payroll	3,727.00	8,700.00
Accrued Payables	6,959.48	5,842.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	47,044.98	21,090.07
Total Current Liabilities	66,224.50	66,165.07
Total Liabilities	66,224.50	66,165.07
Equity		
Net Assets, Unrestricted	1,832,383.93	1,572,160.09
Net Assets, Restricted	1,204,255.30	1,173,947.23
Net Assets, Hermitage Cemetery	445,318.05	374,081.16
Net Assets, St Columba Cemetery	9,385.51	9,761.70
Net Income	307,792.98	335,176.54
Total Equity	3,799,135.77	3,465,126.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>3,865,360.27</u></u>	<u><u>3,531,291.79</u></u>

St. Mary Magdalene Parish
Statement of Changes in Cash Position

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	265,010.75	335,176.54
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:		
Accounts Receivable (General)	2,598.09	-2,230.59
Accounts Receivable (Cemetery)	27,208.55	-14,617.25
Due to/from Bank	-6,462.50	0.00
HST Receivable	2,131.12	-549.19
HST Recoverable (50%)	-3,137.74	-7.20
Accounts Payable (General)	-24,045.68	10,439.03
Accounts Payable (Cemetery)	-443.10	93.10
Mastercard Payable	-1,406.70	-3,297.14
Rental Deposits Payable	250.00	0.00
Due to Diocese of Saint John	29,185.08	0.00
Due to Local Programs	1,932.79	222.31
Restricted Funds	-26,216.07	-17,731.74
Restricted Funds, Mass Intentions	-1,739.00	-600.00
Restricted Funds, Building	14,880.97	10,550.09
Restricted Funds, Poor & Needy	13,526.30	8,391.65
Restricted Funds, Refugees	60.00	0.00
Payroll Liabilities, Accrued Vacation Payable	-2,974.00	3,362.97
HST Payable (60%)	904.36	-201.75
Accrued Payroll	-4,973.00	2,488.00
Accrued Payables	1,117.48	-26,588.00
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>287,407.70</u>	<u>304,900.83</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investments, Church	-335,182.47	-307,303.49
Investments, Cemetery	-43,342.21	-35,652.89
Investments, IPLF	-9,487.52	-17,173.94
Prepaid Expenses	-106.13	97.66
Due from Diocese of Saint John	0.00	51.00
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	<u>-388,118.33</u>	<u>-359,981.66</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net Assets, Unrestricted	-74,952.70	-39,695.14
Net Assets, Restricted	30,308.07	20,563.74
Net Assets, Hermitage Cemetery	71,236.89	34,855.70
Net Assets, St Columba Cemetery	-376.19	2,007.44
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	<u>26,216.07</u>	<u>17,731.74</u>
Net cash increase for period	-74,494.56	-37,349.09
Cash at beginning of period	156,713.03	194,062.12
Cash at end of period	<u><u>82,218.47</u></u>	<u><u>156,713.03</u></u>

**St. Mary Magdalene Parish
Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss**

	Jan - Dec 25	Jan - Dec 24	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Rental Income	53,755.00	36,450.00	26675	50000
Donations	567,645.86	548,971.41	557350	560000
Sales	72,971.67	97,209.95	11922	50000
Sales Returns	-2,040.00	-637.50	0	0
Advertising	0.00	30.00	0	0
Interest Income	6,238.19	14,400.16	4800	7500
Recoveries	12,805.00	32,338.00	22911	25000
Total Income	<u>698,570.72</u>	<u>696,424.02</u>	<u>623658</u>	<u>692500</u>
Cost of Goods Sold				
Cost of Goods Sold				
Purchases	15,054.83	15,006.35	10514	8000
Total Cost of Goods Sold	<u>15,054.83</u>	<u>15,006.35</u>	<u>10514</u>	<u>8000</u>
Total COGS	<u>15,054.83</u>	<u>15,006.35</u>	<u>10514</u>	<u>8000</u>
Gross Profit	<u>683,515.89</u>	<u>681,417.67</u>	<u>613,144.00</u>	<u>684,500.00</u>
Expense				
Insurance, liability	1,645.88	0.00	0	0
Rectory, Sts. John & Paul	14,382.06	10,323.79	17744	15000
Insurance, property	40,684.81	39,149.29	38491	47500
Salaries & Benefits	313,058.86	398,184.13	302271	317000
Priest Related Expenses	58,475.32	65,099.47	66563	57500
Administration	53,337.54	29,176.36	24866	25000
Chancery Assessment	94,544.00	80,657.00	94497	95000
Buildings & Grounds	197,761.52	204,904.44	144888	200000
Committees & Ministries	20,239.29	13,768.13	23000	23000
General Expenses	20,866.09	30,880.34	23000	20000
Reconciliation Discrepancies	1,813.95	13.96	0	0
Total Expense	<u>816,809.32</u>	<u>872,156.91</u>	<u>735320</u>	<u>800000</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-133,293.43</u>	<u>-190,739.24</u>	<u>-122,176.00</u>	<u>-115,500.00</u>
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Investment Income Earned	323,879.70	191,645.32	6792	200000
Unrealized Gain on Investments	85,439.17	183,356.23	162000	75000
Fundraising	4,092.04	5,601.52	2000	4000
Bequests/Donations	0.00	9,191.12	0	0
Insurance Proceeds	0.00	22,500.00	0	0
Gain/(Loss) on Foreign Exchange	64.52	17.13	0	0
Total Other Income	<u>413,475.43</u>	<u>412,311.32</u>	<u>170792</u>	<u>279000</u>
Other Expense				
Major Capital Expenditures	32,063.19	7,474.92	360000	-250000
Special Pension Levy	-39,239.17	0.00	39239	0

	Jan - Dec 25	Jan - Dec 24	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Investment Management Fees	22,347.23	18,284.62	-20400	-22500
Total Other Expense	15,171.25	25,759.54	378839	-272500
Net Other Income	398,304.18	386,551.78	-208047	551,500.00
Net Income	265,010.75	195,812.54	-330,223.00	436,000.00

St. Dunstan's Church
Statement of Profit and Loss

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Rental Income	9,505.00	2,570.00
Offertories, Received	345,951.24	342,499.74
Offertories, Not Received	100,691.71	77,769.23
Sales	9,642.35	11,460.50
Advertising	0.00	30.00
Interest Income	2,415.26	5,400.09
Recoveries	8,701.10	22,649.66
Total Income	<u>476,906.66</u>	<u>462,379.22</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		
Purchases	8,075.04	8,188.42
Total Cost of Goods Sold	<u>8,075.04</u>	<u>8,188.42</u>
Total COGS	<u>8,075.04</u>	<u>8,188.42</u>
Gross Profit	468,831.62	454,190.80
Expense		
Insurance, liability	507.48	0.00
Insurance, property	29,811.29	26,270.23
Salaries & Benefits	208,544.92	217,009.24
Priest Related Expenses		
St. Dunstan's Rectory	18,045.80	14,146.03
Extra Help for Masses	847.30	800.00
Mileage/Household	26,064.35	24,433.68
Total Priest Related Expenses	<u>44,957.45</u>	<u>39,379.71</u>
Administration		
Police checks	16.49	0.00
Bank Charges & Interest	7.00	7.57
Cash Short/(Over)	198.05	0.00
Computers & Software	375.26	0.00
Office Supplies	25.50	0.00
Printing & Copying	97.33	0.00
Telephone/Internet	222.40	0.00
Administration - Shared Costs	31,275.62	15,615.34
Total Administration	<u>32,217.65</u>	<u>15,622.91</u>
Chancery Assessment	62,293.86	66,637.35
Buildings & Grounds		
Shop Supplies	1,221.11	2,198.61
Lawn care	42.56	333.49
Cleaning & Janitorial (3)	0.00	5,407.63
Pest Control	414.65	384.24
Repairs & Maintenance	10,977.82	18,050.42

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Security & Monitoring	3,952.77	1,645.60
Snow Removal	4,353.75	5,278.44
Tools	80.47	190.77
Utilities	75,300.04	68,709.91
Waste Removal	4,020.50	4,364.50
Water & Sewer	1,733.92	897.92
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>102,097.59</u>	<u>107,461.53</u>
Committees & Ministries		
Faith Formation		
Children	60.97	30.00
Adult	0.00	260.09
Family	0.00	127.30
Faith Formation - Shared Costs	<u>10,362.53</u>	<u>5,813.20</u>
Total Faith Formation	<u>10,423.50</u>	<u>6,230.59</u>
Other Ministries		
Funerals & Music	0.00	33.28
Music	4,863.14	736.17
Total Other Ministries	<u>4,863.14</u>	<u>769.45</u>
Total Committees & Ministries	<u>15,286.64</u>	<u>7,000.04</u>
General Expenses		
Hiring	0.00	267.68
Altar/Sanctuary	1,456.16	624.83
Boxed Envelopes	1,742.53	1,452.11
Donations	3,100.00	220.00
Flowers & Decorations	1,375.87	1,020.95
Furniture & Equipment	768.25	398.00
Gifts (4)	0.00	3,267.77
Parish Events & Meetings	0.00	166.06
Publications	500.00	500.00
Staff Mileage	13.78	10.70
Other Expenses	0.00	64.46
General Expenses - Shared Costs	<u>7,904.11</u>	<u>7,422.20</u>
Total General Expenses	<u>16,860.70</u>	<u>15,414.76</u>
Reconciliation Discrepancies	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13.96</u>
Total Expense	<u>512,577.58</u>	<u>494,809.73</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-43,745.96	-40,618.93
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Investment Income Earned	284,087.69	165,731.59
Unrealized Gain on Investments	75,592.64	165,935.50
Fundraising	1,124.04	5,561.52
Bequests/Donations	0.00	9,191.12
Gain/(Loss) on Foreign Exchange	64.52	17.13
Total Other Income	<u>360,868.89</u>	<u>346,436.86</u>

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Other Expense		
Major Capital Expenditures	1,886.63	7,474.92
Special Pension Levy	-31,391.34	0.00
Investment Management Fees	19,748.65	16,180.01
Total Other Expense	<u>-9,756.06</u>	<u>23,654.93</u>
Net Other Income	370,624.95	322,781.93
Net Income	<u><u>326,878.99</u></u>	<u><u>282,163.00</u></u>

**Sts. John and Paul Church
Statement of Profit and Loss**

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Rental Income	20,250.00	16,980.00
Offertories, Receipted	80,383.60	85,934.22
Offertories, Not Receipted	5,658.17	6,206.12
Sales	185.15	10.50
Interest Income	452.87	1,440.01
Recoveries	1,920.81	4,843.57
Total Income	<u>108,850.60</u>	<u>115,414.42</u>
Gross Profit	108,850.60	115,414.42
Expense		
Insurance, liability	507.48	0.00
Rectory, Sts. John & Paul	14,382.06	10,323.79
Insurance, property	4,121.82	4,284.71
Salaries & Benefits		
Salaries	29,951.60	48,451.87
Total Salaries & Benefits	<u>29,951.60</u>	<u>48,451.87</u>
Priest Related Expenses		
St. Dunstan's Rectory	3,383.59	4,715.33
Mileage/Household	4,887.06	8,144.57
Total Priest Related Expenses	<u>8,270.65</u>	<u>12,859.90</u>
Administration		
Bank Charges & Interest	7.46	67.58
Telephone/Internet	1,509.67	1,851.20
Administration - Shared Costs	5,864.18	4,461.52
Total Administration	<u>7,381.31</u>	<u>6,380.30</u>
Chancery Assessment	11,680.10	11,061.48
Buildings & Grounds		
Shop Supplies	273.77	0.00
Lawncare	0.00	360.00
Cleaning & Janitorial	1,155.00	1,140.00
Pest Control	1,006.38	490.00
Repairs & Maintenance	4,245.19	958.96
Security & Monitoring	99.98	419.26
Snow Removal (5)	17.99	1,679.83
Utilities	7,415.46	8,960.07
Water & Sewer (6)	0.00	449.86
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>14,213.77</u>	<u>14,457.98</u>
Committees & Ministries		
Faith Formation		
Children	0.00	15.00
Adult	0.00	74.31

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Family	0.00	63.65
Faith Formation - Shared Costs	1,907.95	2,906.60
Total Faith Formation	<u>1,907.95</u>	<u>3,059.56</u>
Other Ministries		
Music (7)	1,322.50	0.00
Total Other Ministries	<u>1,322.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Committees & Ministries	<u>3,230.45</u>	<u>3,059.56</u>
General Expenses		
Altar/Sanctuary	211.94	1,081.46
Boxed Envelopes	326.73	272.27
Donations	55.00	55.00
Flowers & Decorations	0.00	49.25
Furniture & Equipment	0.00	8,525.78
Gifts	50.00	0.00
Parish Events & Meetings	0.00	247.75
Staff Mileage	93.55	64.14
General Expenses - Shared Costs	1,482.02	2,208.08
Total General Expenses	<u>2,219.24</u>	<u>12,503.73</u>
Total Expense	<u>95,958.48</u>	<u>123,383.32</u>
Net Ordinary Income	12,892.12	-7,968.90
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Investment Income Earned	565.43	864.04
Insurance Proceeds (8)	0.00	22,500.00
Total Other Income	<u>565.43</u>	<u>23,364.04</u>
Other Expense		
Special Pension Levy	-5,885.88	0.00
Total Other Expense	<u>-5,885.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>6,451.31</u>	<u>23,364.04</u>
Net Income	<u><u>19,343.43</u></u>	<u><u>15,395.14</u></u>

**St. Columba Church
Statement of Profit and Loss**

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Offeratories, Received	29,209.07	29,064.54
Offeratories, Not Received	859.50	854.37
Sales	319.00	106.00
Interest Income	150.96	359.99
Recoveries	640.28	4,843.57
Total Income	<u>31,178.81</u>	<u>35,228.47</u>
Gross Profit	31,178.81	35,228.47
Expense		
Insurance, liability	507.48	0.00
Insurance, property	2,175.95	2,619.77
Salaries & Benefits		
Salaries	9,983.86	38,068.71
Total Salaries & Benefits	<u>9,983.86</u>	<u>38,068.71</u>
Priest Related Expenses		
St. Dunstan's Rectory	1,127.86	4,715.32
Mileage/Household	1,629.03	8,144.57
Total Priest Related Expenses	<u>2,756.89</u>	<u>12,859.89</u>
Administration		
Telephone/Internet	0.00	111.95
Administration - Shared Costs	1,954.73	2,230.76
Total Administration	<u>1,954.73</u>	<u>2,342.71</u>
Chancery Assessment	3,893.38	2,958.63
Buildings & Grounds		
Shop Supplies	0.00	12.89
Cleaning & Janitorial	1,332.43	1,453.56
Repairs & Maintenance	317.71	1,212.65
Security & Monitoring	0.00	214.96
Snow Removal	1,365.00	422.50
Utilities	4,215.75	4,597.28
Water & Sewer	585.00	580.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>7,815.89</u>	<u>8,493.84</u>
Committees & Ministries		
Faith Formation		
Children	0.00	15.00
Adult	0.00	37.16
Family	0.00	63.65
Faith Formation - Shared Costs	636.00	2,906.60
Total Faith Formation	<u>636.00</u>	<u>3,022.41</u>
Total Committees & Ministries	636.00	3,022.41
General Expenses		

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Altar/Sanctuary	168.29	115.03
Boxed Envelopes	108.91	90.76
Donations	0.00	50.00
Flowers & Decorations	143.48	92.53
Gifts	0.00	-40.00
General Expenses - Shared Costs	493.99	1,410.21
Total General Expenses	<u>914.67</u>	<u>1,718.53</u>
Total Expense	<u>30,638.85</u>	<u>72,084.49</u>
Net Ordinary Income	539.96	-36,856.02
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Investment Income Earned	3,017.48	4,611.02
Fundraising	60.00	0.00
Total Other Income	<u>3,077.48</u>	<u>4,611.02</u>
Other Expense		
Major Capital Expenditures	30,176.56	0.00
Special Pension Levy	-1,961.95	0.00
Total Other Expense	<u>28,214.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-25,137.13</u>	<u>4,611.02</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-24,597.17</u></u>	<u><u>-32,245.00</u></u>

St. Dunstan's Rectory
Statement of Profit and Loss

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Expense		
Insurance, property	2,481.56	2,173.14
Priest Related Expenses		
St. Dunstan's Rectory	47.12	0.00
Household	88.26	0.00
Total Priest Related Expenses	<u>135.38</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Administration		
Computers & Software	651.77	0.00
Telephone/Internet	2,331.66	2,207.93
Total Administration	<u>2,983.43</u>	<u>2,207.93</u>
Buildings & Grounds		
Shop Supplies	0.00	224.85
Lawncare	0.00	210.00
Cleaning & Janitorial	160.00	3,060.00
Pest Control	735.09	852.83
Repairs & Maintenance	6,723.68	2,199.61
Security & Monitoring	264.45	281.38
Utilities	10,863.32	9,976.83
Water & Sewer	972.46	1,169.88
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>19,719.00</u>	<u>17,975.38</u>
General Expenses		
Staff Mileage	1.60	0.00
Furniture & Equipment (9)	1,270.64	1,190.23
Total General Expenses	<u>1,272.24</u>	<u>1,190.23</u>
Total Expense	<u>26,591.61</u>	<u>23,546.68</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-26,591.61	-23,546.68
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
Cost allocation	-22,557.25	-23,576.68
Total Other Expense	<u>-22,557.25</u>	<u>-23,576.68</u>
Net Other Income	<u>22,557.25</u>	<u>23,576.68</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-4,034.36</u></u>	<u><u>30.00</u></u>

**Sts. John and Paul Rectory
Statement of Profit and Loss**

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Rental Income	24,000.00	16,900.00
Sales	25.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>24,025.00</u>	<u>16,900.00</u>
Gross Profit	24,025.00	16,900.00
Expense		
Insurance, property	361.59	432.51
Buildings & Grounds		
Property Taxes	5,206.57	4,818.79
Property Management Fees	2,064.00	1,748.63
Repairs & Maintenance	7,014.57	2,080.93
Security & Monitoring	99.98	387.01
Utilities (10)	0.00	490.48
Water & Sewer (10)	0.00	354.75
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>14,385.12</u>	<u>9,880.59</u>
General Expenses		
Staff Mileage	0.00	10.69
Furniture & Equipment	171.99	0.00
Total General Expenses	<u>171.99</u>	<u>10.69</u>
Total Expense	<u>14,918.70</u>	<u>10,323.79</u>
Net Ordinary Income	9,106.30	6,576.21
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Revenue allocation	-20,000.00	-16,900.00
Insurance Proceeds	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	<u>-20,000.00</u>	<u>-16,900.00</u>
Other Expense		
Cost allocation	-14,382.06	-10,323.79
Major Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	<u>-14,382.06</u>	<u>-10,323.79</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-5,617.94</u>	<u>-6,576.21</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,488.36</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

**Consolidated Cemeteries
Statement of Profit and Loss**

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Offeratories, Received	4,650.97	5,788.19
Offeratories, Not Received	0.00	855.00
Sales	62,730.17	85,355.44
Sales Returns	-2,040.00	-637.50
Recoveries	3,750.18	5,360.57
Total Income	<u>69,091.32</u>	<u>96,721.70</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		
Purchases	6,979.79	4,552.64
Total Cost of Goods Sold	<u>6,979.79</u>	<u>4,552.64</u>
Total COGS	<u>6,979.79</u>	<u>4,552.64</u>
Gross Profit	62,111.53	92,169.06
Expense		
Insurance, liability	123.44	0.00
Insurance, property	909.66	910.83
Salaries & Benefits	7,033.02	7,884.60
Administration		
Computers & Software	652.88	621.79
Printing & Copying	0.00	14.67
Administration - Other	3,169.83	1,808.72
Total Administration	<u>3,822.71</u>	<u>2,445.18</u>
Buildings & Grounds		
Lawn care	24,121.25	31,759.63
Caretaker	9,965.00	12,880.00
Repairs & Maintenance	3,181.83	1,019.20
Utilities	461.97	439.49
Water & Sewer	579.29	536.80
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>38,309.34</u>	<u>46,635.12</u>
General Expenses		
Staff Mileage	0.00	42.44
Total General Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42.44</u>
Total Expense	<u>50,198.17</u>	<u>57,918.17</u>
Net Ordinary Income	11,913.36	34,250.89
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Unrealized Gain on Investments	9,846.53	17,420.73
Investment Income Earned	36,015.63	20,438.67
Fundraising	2,908.00	40.00
Total Other Income	<u>48,770.16</u>	<u>37,899.40</u>
Other Expense		

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Investment Management Fees	<u>2,598.58</u>	<u>2,104.61</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>2,598.58</u>	<u>2,104.61</u>
Net Other Income	<u>46,171.58</u>	<u>35,794.79</u>
Net Income	<u><u>58,084.94</u></u>	<u><u>70,045.68</u></u>

**Hermitage Cemetery
Statement of Profit and Loss**

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Offeratories, Received	3,593.97	4,505.19
Sales	61,860.17	85,175.00
Sales Returns (11)	-2,040.00	-637.50
Recoveries	3,750.18	5,360.57
Total Income	<u>67,164.32</u>	<u>94,403.26</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		
Purchases	6,979.79	4,552.64
Total Cost of Goods Sold	<u>6,979.79</u>	<u>4,552.64</u>
Total COGS	<u>6,979.79</u>	<u>4,552.64</u>
Gross Profit	60,184.53	89,850.62
Expense		
Insurance, liability	123.44	0.00
Insurance, property	909.66	910.83
Salaries & Benefits	7,033.02	7,884.60
Priest Related Expenses		
Mileage	0.00	42.44
Total Priest Related Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42.44</u>
Administration		
Mileage	100.58	0.00
Computers & Software	652.88	621.79
Printing & Copying	0.00	14.67
Administration - Other	3,169.83	1,808.72
Total Administration	<u>3,923.29</u>	<u>2,445.18</u>
Buildings & Grounds		
Lawncare (2)	22,521.25	29,025.00
Caretaker	9,965.00	12,880.00
Repairs & Maintenance	3,181.83	1,019.20
Utilities	461.97	439.49
Water & Sewer	579.29	536.80
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>36,709.34</u>	<u>43,900.49</u>
General Expenses		
Staff Mileage	0.00	42.44
Total General Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42.44</u>
Total Expense	<u>48,698.75</u>	<u>55,225.98</u>
Net Ordinary Income	11,485.78	34,624.64
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Investment Income Earned	36,015.63	20,438.67
Unrealized Gain on Investments	9,846.53	17,420.73

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Total Other Income	45,862.16	37,859.40
Other Expense		
Investment Management Fees	2,598.58	2,104.61
Total Other Expense	<u>2,598.58</u>	<u>2,104.61</u>
Net Other Income	43,263.58	35,754.79
Net Income	<u><u>54,749.36</u></u>	<u><u>70,379.43</u></u>

St. Columba Cemetery Statement of Profit and Loss

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Offeratories, Received	1,057.00
Sales	870.00
Total Income	<u>1,927.00</u>
Gross Profit	1,927.00
Expense	
Buildings & Grounds	
Lawncare	1,600.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>1,600.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,600.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	327.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Fundraising	2,908.00
Total Other Income	<u>2,908.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>2,908.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,235.00</u></u>

St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Shared Cost Allocation

Summary

Interest Income	-3019.07
Recoveries	-12805.4
Salaries & Benefits	255513.4
Administration	42264.37
Chancery Assessment	77867.35
Insurance, Liability	1645.88
Priest Rel. Expenses	32580.44
General Expenses	9880.14
Faith Formation	12719.54
Total	416646.7

Investments as at December 31, 2025 (Market Value)

	2025	2024
St. Columba		
Inter-Parish Loan Fund	\$ 83,304	\$ 80,035
 Sts. John & Paul		
Inter-Parish Loan Fund	\$ 15,610	\$ 14,997
 St. Dunstan's		
Marketable Securities	\$ 3,042,427	\$ 2,707,245
Inter-Parish Loan Funds	\$ 187,806	\$ 180,436
	\$ 3,230,233	\$ 2,982,713
 Hermitage Cemetery		
Marketable Securities	\$ 392,769	\$ 349,427
	\$ 3,721,916	\$ 3,332,140

Notes:

Income earned from marketable securities was reinvested in the portfolios.

The Inter Parish Loan Fund (IPLF) is administered by the Diocese on behalf of the Parish.

Financial Support to Others

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Offertory Receipts - Poor and Needy Fund		
For Poor and Needy	31,978.30	25,945.00
Disbursements to our Community from The Poor and Needy Fund:		
Assistance for Individuals/Families	5,400.00	4,790.00
Bus Voucher program (Wilmot United)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Christmas Exchange	0.00	7,970.00
Sobey's Gift Cards	6,750.00	0.00
NB Right to Life	0.00	1,000.00
Our Lady of Grace Catholic School	0.00	1,000.00
Hospice Fredericton	1,000.00	0.00
Taxi Vouchers (Transportation to Mass)	3,301.64	4,117.00
	<u>18,451.64</u>	<u>20,877.00</u>
Diocesan Collections		
Cathedral Restoration	5,607.00	7,232.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	1,797.00	4,225.00
Christ the King	2,856.00	1,648.00
Development and Peace	2,919.25	4,759.00
Diocesan Collection for Life	1,276.00	1,962.00
Diocesan Priest's Illness	0.00	2,056.00
Evangelization of Nations	0.00	241.00
Indigenous Solidarity Fund	1,962.00	2,748.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	1,711.00	2,062.00
Papal Charities	1,739.00	1,842.00
	<u>19,867.25</u>	<u>28,775.00</u>
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Upkeep of the Holy Land	3,209.00	3,351.00
World Mission Sunday	1,591.00	1,631.00
	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>4,982.00</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) Payment to Unidata for computers and software
- (2) Dry Summer
- (3) Floor was not waxed in 2025
- (4) Gift was for Fr. Peter's anniversary in 2024
- (5) Snow removal is now provided by parishioners
- (6) Septic tank was emptied in 2024
- (7) Amount paid to choir members
- (8) Damage from flooding in 2024
- (9) Includes the purchase of two fridges
- (10) Now Paid by tenants
- (11) Return of cemetery plots

Shared Cost Allocated as follows:

St. Dunstan's – 85%

Sts. John & Paul – 10%

St. Columba – 5%

Based on weekly contributions and number of Parishioners participating in the Eucharist

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in forgiving that one is forgiven,
it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life.*

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Pastors, Pastoral Council and Finance Council
April 12, 2025, Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, Fredericton, New Brunswick.