ENHANCING OUR WORSHIP

FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

SAINT ELEANOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

STATE OF THE PARISH 2026

Pastoral Plan

A Pastoral Plan is a road map for how our church community can grow, reach out to and serve people over the next few years.



Jesus at the Center

The Lord Jesus in the most Holy Eucharist is the center of the parish life of the Church of Saint Eleanor. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the heart of our worship, vocation, and life.

Vocations



Jesus calls each of us to a unique vocation—a specific way of offering our lives in love and service to Him and to others. Whether through priesthood, religious life, matrimony, or single life, we are all invited to listen for and respond to God's call. This extends to how we share our time, talent, and treasure in the life of the Church.



Inspiring Eucharistic Families

Eucharistic families are formed, nourished and united by the Eucharist. We will strengthen the domestic church through the Sacrifice of the Mass, adoration and the living out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Growing in Faith and Service

Noisy Holy Half Hour: Family Adoration creates a welcoming space where children can encounter Jesus in the Eucharist without parents worrying about noise or restlessness. Through praise and worship music, Adoration, pizza, and games, families grow together in faith and discover the joy of Eucharistic Family Life.

PREP: Religious education at Saint Eleanor will focus on faith formation for your whole family. The goal is for our children to learn about our great faith AND to make our homes places where we love and honor God, pray together, serve others, read the Bible and support each other in our joys and sufferings. Life is challenging and many of us carry heavy burdens. Our parish is here to support and strengthen you in your vocation to raise your children in the faith.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).) is a faith formation journey for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic, or completing their Sacraments. Through prayer, discussion, and formation, participants deepen their relationship with Jesus and explore the teachings and traditions of the Church. Those who choose to continue are invited to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and be fully welcomed into the Catholic Church during the Easter season.
every year.

Knights of Columbus. Serves St. Eleanor and St. Mary parishes through their four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Any Catholic male 18+ is welcome to join.

Legion of Mary in our parish is represented by the Mary, Mother of Divine Mercy Praesidium. We meet weekly in Kateri Hall on Fridays at 10:00 AM. Meetings last 90 minutes. Visitors are always welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Members endeavor to bear witness to the love of Christ by building relationships with and faithfully serving neighbors in need. Contact at 610-489-1647 x 43

CYO is a youth ministry available to all children in the parish. CYO focuses on building strong Catholic young people and emphasizing strong Catholic values in the framework of athletic activities. Our goals for ministry with youth in the parish are:

- To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community.
- To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.
- To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today

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Dear Parishioner,

There were only a dozen Catholic families in the area known as Collegeville in the late 1800's. They gathered for Mass in a local hotel. The first resident priest arrived in 1911.

Those Catholic families multiplied and continued to come together to worship. When we outgrew the hotel, we bought our own ground and built a new Church. Over time, those Catholic families became us … over 4500 registered Catholic families of the Church of St. Eleanor. And we continue to grow!

We grow by listening to the Lord Jesus Christ and following Him according to His plan. In the early fall of 2026, we will launch our parish wide Pastoral Plan. Our direction has three coordinates to direct us in all that we do:

1. Christ is at the center
2. Jesus leads us to and in our Vocation
3. Our vocation leads us to live and serve as families centered on the Holy Eucharist

This is our three-point mission for connecting with Christ and one-another.

- We meet Jesus at Holy Mass, in Confession, during Eucharistic Adoration, and in our personal prayer.
- A vocation is the call of the Lord by which we follow Him personally.

… we each have a vocation – with a Capital V (marriage, single life, priesthood, religious life, diaconate) and …
… with a small v that is just as vital … as moms and dads, grandparents, widows, widowers, teachers, leaders, those who care from behind the scenes, and so much more.

- We unite as Eucharistic Families around the altar of Jesus and worship Him together which leads us in outreach and service in our parish and beyond. Simply put, when we meet Jesus … we follow Him and … we lead one another to Him.

I have been your pastor for over a year and I'm so grateful for your kindness and generosity. Today, our pastoral work continues in the same spirit that the first resident priest brought to Collegeville 115 years ago. Thank you for continuing to grow together!

Please read and review this annual State of the Parish snapshot. Thank you for making St. Eleanor Parish a beacon of worship, connection, and service!

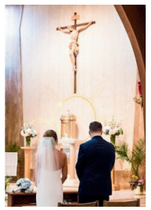
Gratefully in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Brian Bransfield
Pastor

ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST

Sacraments




Baptism
76

First Communion
115

Confirmation
146

Matrimony
15 Couples

Anointing of the Sick
39

New Parishioners
156

HCRCS
576 Students
Pre-K to 8th

Growth

Education



OCIA Initiations
22

PREP Program
467 Students
Levels 1-7

Holy Mass and Confession

Daily Mass
Monday to Friday:
6:30 and 9:00 am*
Saturday: 9:00 am
*Livestream

Sunday Mass
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am*
and 12:00 noon
*Livestream

Adoration
Monday to Friday
7:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Chapel of Our Lady

Confession
Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 am & 3:30 to 4:15 pm
Wednesday: After the 6:30 & 9:00 am Masses
By appointment any time by calling the parish office

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Extraordinary Ministers - Homebound Ministry





At St. Eleanor Parish, Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist is the center of our parish life, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the heart of our worship, faith, and mission. The ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound extends this sacred mission beyond the church walls, bringing Christ's Real Presence to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness, age, or other circumstances. Through prayer, companionship, encouragement, and the gift of Holy Communion, ministers bring comfort, hope, and the love of Christ to those who need it most, reminding them that they remain a treasured part of our parish family.

More than a ministry, this is a beautiful opportunity to answer Christ's call to serve. By sharing their time, talents, and compassion, Eucharistic Ministers help strengthen our Eucharistic community and live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Their witness reflects St. Eleanor Parish's mission to form disciples and nurture Eucharistic families rooted in faith and love.

Could God be calling you to serve? Whether through this ministry or another area of parish life, we invite you to take the next step, share your gifts, and discover how you can help bring Christ's love to others.

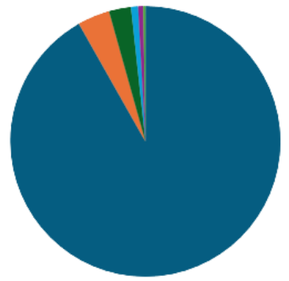
FINANCIALS

Saint Eleanor Church Financial Summary For the Year Ended June 30, 2026

2026 Operating Income			
Collection	91.8%	$	2,192,438
Other Income	3.8%	$	91,777
Religious Education	2.6%	$	63,040
Stole Fees	.8%	$	20,191
Interest & Dividend	.6%	$	14,425
Socials & Donations	.3%	$	6,352
Total		**$**	**2,388,222**

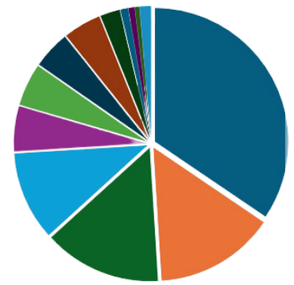
2026 Parish Expenditures			
Salaries & Benefits	34.5%	$	823,266
Maintenance & Rectory Operations	14.5%	$	347,163
Principal Loan Payments	14.3%	$	340,351
Diocesan Assessment	10.7%	$	256,700
Capital Improvements	5.5%	$	131,052
Property/Liability Insurance	5.2%	$	123,430
Printing, Publications & Supplies	4.6%	$	110,210
Pastoral Admin, Youth Grps. & Professional Fees	4.6%	$	110,420
Heat, Light, Water & Sewer	2.4%	$	58,308
Religious Education Programs	1.0%	$	22,891
Interest Expense	.8%	$	18,381
Other Expenses	.5%	$	12,998
Capital Improvement Reserves	1.4%	$	33,052
Total		**$**	**2.388.222**

2026 Operating Income $2,388,222



- Collections 91.8%
- Other Income 3.8%
- Religious Education 2.6%
- Stole Fees .8%
- Interest and Dividends .6%
- Socials & Donations (net) .3%

2026 Parish Expenditures $2,388,222



- Salaries & Benefits 34.5%
- Maintenance & Rectory Operations 14.5%
- Principal Loan Payments 14.3%
- Diocesan Assessment 10.7%
- Capital Improvements 5.5%
- Property/Liability Insurance 5.2%
- Printing, Publications & Supplies 4.6%
- Pastoral Admin, Youth Grps & Professional Fees 4.6%
- Heat, Light, Water & Sewer 2.4%
- Religious Education Programs 1.0%
- Interest Expense .8%
- Other Expenses .5%
- Capital Improvement Reserves 1.4%

Our parish expenses increase every year, just like your household expenses. There are two ways you can assist the parish immensely:

Streamline Your Support: Please consider switching from envelope support to online support through *Parish Giving* or through your financial institution's bill-pay feature.

Increase Giving: Kindly and prayerfully consider increasing your giving each year to help us meet our rising expenses, which also increase each year.

Parish Giving link

Thank you for your consideration, generosity and kindness!