

\* ♦The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus ♦January 11, 2026♦ \*

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS**

The baptism of our Lord Jesus is sure a mystery. When we see the definition of the word “baptism”, Jesus’s baptism enters the category of mystery. We can see it even in the expressions that the 4 Evangelists describe it. They all use different words to express the relation, the connection, the link between Jesus and the DOVE that came from heaven. St Matthew (which is today’s gospel) pens down the following: “ ...The Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him”. St Mark pins down the following verse : “... like a dove descending upon Him”. St Luke reports this: “...And The Holy Spirit descended upon Him in a bodily form”. St John says: “In whomever the Spirit come down and remain...”. However, The baptism of our Lord Jesus is a capital event in His life. Because the four Evangelists wrote about, and because the Church made it a Feast, it means Jesus’s Baptism is essential to our spiritual life. That calls to a very important question: What have we done to or with our own baptism?

<b>Parish Financial Report</b>					
<b>St. Patrick - Nicholson</b>					
<b>TREND ANALYSIS</b>					
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	116,050	123,080	132,062	113,959	111,800
Faith Formation Fees	510	550	535	895	450
Fundraising/Development	52,314	45,883	23,084	18,933	8,849
Other Income	8,361	9,443	21,428	4,356	1,877
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Special Collections	7,612	4,811	3,819	4,376	2,471
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>184,847</b>	<b>183,767</b>	<b>180,928</b>	<b>142,519</b>	<b>125,447</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	67,957	74,661	69,653	65,112	65,251
Rectory	28,279	12,254	11,129	21,972	12,043
Liturgy	8,954	10,664	15,630	10,768	14,876
Faith Formation	3,023	2,916	3,533	3,794	4,389
Social Justice	1,107	450	600	400	83
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	40,103	57,587	34,861	22,668	10,291
Fixed Expense	13,641	11,556	10,785	10,187	9,796
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	650	1,495	328	-	-
Catholic School Assessment	14,064	11,052	9,840	9,828	10,704
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	8,264	5,507	3,603	4,706	1,261
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>186,040</b>	<b>188,142</b>	<b>159,963</b>	<b>149,436</b>	<b>128,694</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>(1,193)</b>	<b>(4,375)</b>	<b>20,965</b>	<b>(6,916)</b>	<b>(3,247)</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>**(SEE NOTE)**</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(1,172)</b>	<b>(4,396)</b>	<b>20,965</b>	<b>(6,916)</b>	<b>(3,247)</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	21	-	-	-	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	21	-	-	-	-
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Diocesan Loan/Debt</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>