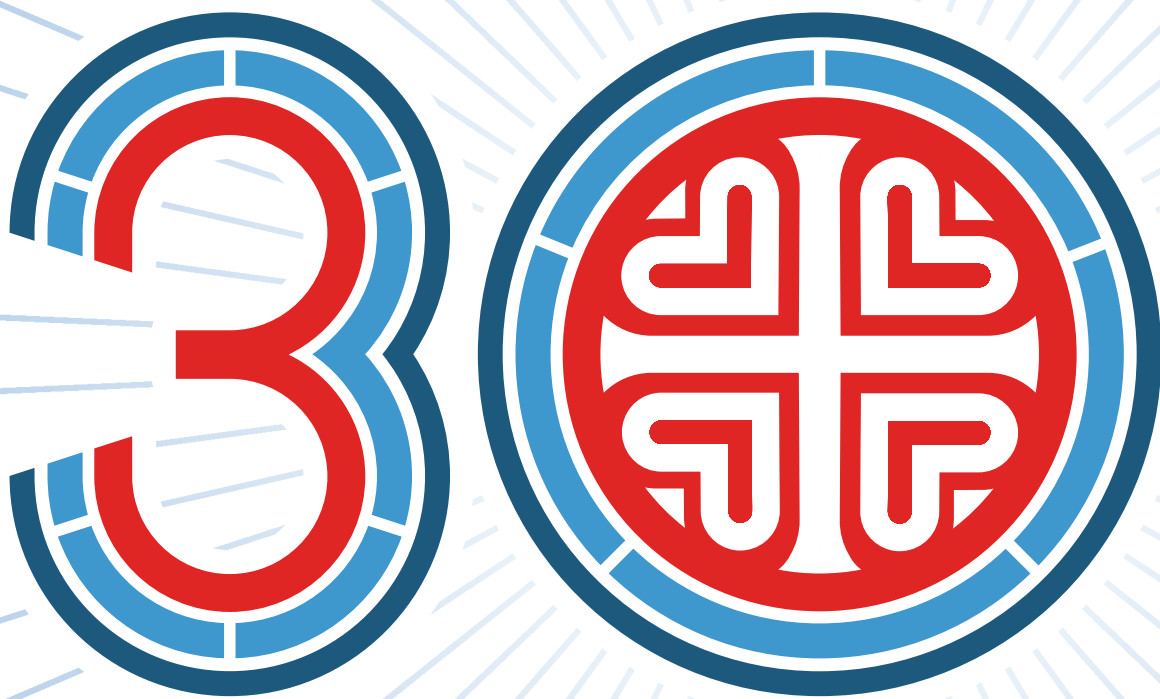


CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
of West Michigan
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



Annual Report
2024-2025

A Solid Foundation for Faithful Giving and Community Impact

As a Catholic community foundation, we serve as the philanthropic partner that stewards charitable assets to support the work of the Catholic Church. We are grateful to our donors who make our mission come to life through their generosity. Whether working confidentially with individuals or collaborating with broader parish efforts, our pledge remains that of being trusted charitable giving advisors to create a stronger, more vibrant faith community — today and tomorrow — for all of us.

Mission

We inspire and enable generous support for parishes and ministries rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church to make a lasting impact in our communities and the lives of others.

Funding Priorities



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Catholic Foundation, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the countless blessings that have unfolded through your generosity and faith. What began three decades ago as a vision to strengthen Catholic education across West Michigan has grown into a vibrant legacy of stewardship — one that continues to bear fruit in our parishes, schools, and communities today.

This milestone year invites us to reflect on the many ways your gifts have illuminated Christ's presence in our midst. Through your generosity, lives are transformed, students deepen their faith through Catholic education, parishes expand their ministries of service, and charitable works bring hope to those in need. Each story of impact reflects not only the good accomplished but also the enduring faith that sustains it.

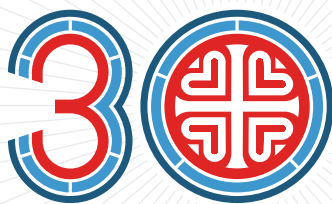
In this report, we are especially pleased to share the inaugural listing of the founding members of the Light of Christ Legacy Society. This new society honors those who have made legacy gifts throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids to ensure the light of Christ continues to shine for generations to come. Their foresight and faith echo the same spirit that inspired the Foundation's earliest supporters 30 years ago, a desire to invest in the Church's future and to build a legacy of love rooted in the Gospel.

As we look to the years ahead, we remain deeply grateful for the trust and partnership of so many who share this mission. Guided by the Holy Spirit, may our shared commitment between the diocese and the Foundation continue to grow, so that together we may cultivate the gifts God has entrusted to us and bear lasting fruit for the Church of tomorrow.

With gratitude and blessings,


Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids


Teresa Reid
Executive Director



**CATHOLIC
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30 Years of Catholic Generosity at Work

A Legacy of Giving and Lasting Change

What began in 1995 as a quiet but faithful effort to manage endowments for schools, parishes, and ministries has grown steadily — one gift, one fund, one act of generosity at a time.

In 2020, the Catholic Foundation relaunched with renewed focus and purpose: to more intentionally align donor generosity with the mission of the Church and meet the long-term needs of our community. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the careful stewardship of nearly 300 charitable funds, the Catholic Foundation has been able to make an enormous impact across the Diocese of Grand Rapids.



Every gift, large or small, plays a significant role in sustaining the Church's mission in West Michigan. Over the past 30 years, your contributions have provided tuition assistance for Catholic school students, strengthened parish ministries, empowered evangelization efforts, and supported organizations serving those in need.

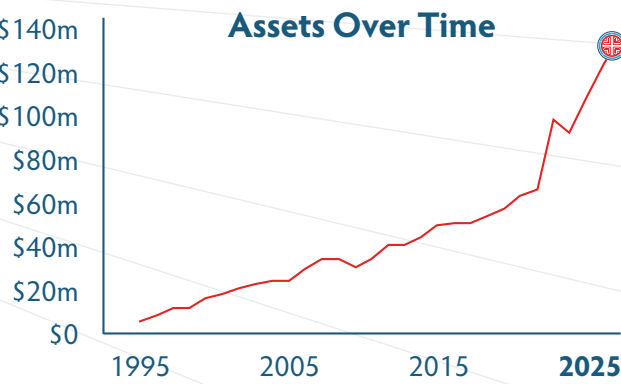
Together, we can continue the legacy of faith-filled giving that has defined the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan for the past 30 years and will continue shaping its future.

"I invite you to share in our vision of a diocese in which our works of evangelization and service to the needy are not hampered or compromised by a lack of resources."

Most Revered Robert J. Rose
Ninth Bishop of Grand Rapids

Year in Review

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

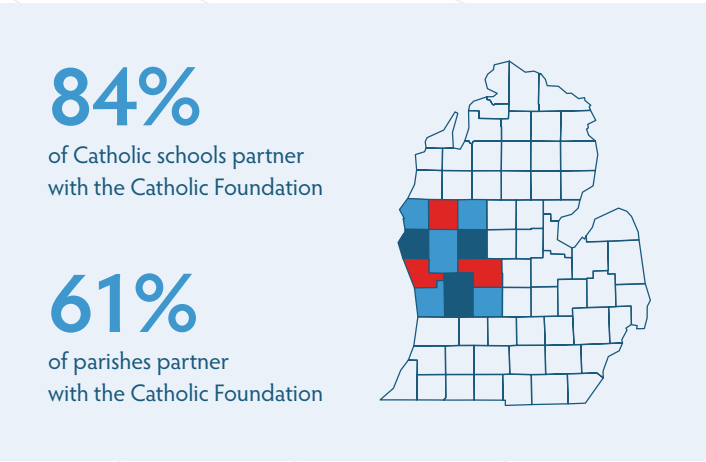


\$136.7m

Assets under management

10.22%

Investment return 24/25
(net of fees)

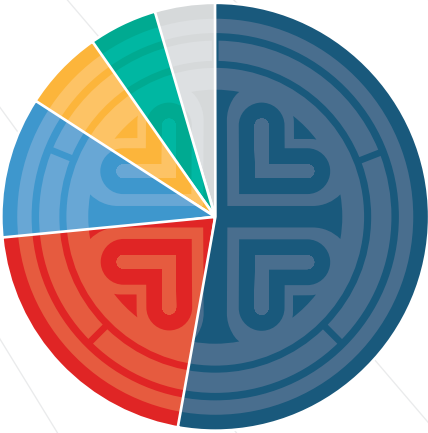


295

Total funds and 14 new
charitable funds

\$3.9m

Granted to 116 parishes, schools,
and nonprofits



Endowed Assets (as of June 30, 2025)

- Educating Children & Young Adults (53%)
- Supporting Religious Vocations (21%)
- Parish & Organization Funds (11%)
- Greatest Needs (6%)
- Sharing Our Catholic Faith (5%)
- Helping the Poor & Vulnerable (5%)

Faithful Stewardship: Sharing God's Blessings

Chris and Kim Cruickshank share how opening a donor advised fund (DAF) with the Catholic Foundation helps them live out their faith and extend their stewardship.

For Chris and Kim Cruickshank, stewardship is the fabric of their family story. At every stage of life, they have always sought to let gratitude guide their choices.

As a couple, parents, and now grandparents, they live by the belief that everything they've received is entrusted by God to them to be used for good. For the Cruickshanks, stewardship is not an obligation, but a grateful response to God's generosity. When they learned about donor advised funds (DAFs), a charitable fund that allows you to coordinate your giving in one place, they recognized it as a meaningful way to carry that conviction into their giving.

Their DAF with the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan is a framework that allows their generosity to be intentional, enduring, and rooted in faith. It gives them confidence that their giving today reflects the values that have shaped their family and will continue to guide them for years to come.

Weaving Faith Into Family Values

Chris and Kim were raised in homes where Catholic faith shaped everyday life. Daily family dinners encouraged meaningful conversation, and the practice of attending Mass together every Sunday instilled a rhythm of worship and gratitude. That shared foundation became the quiet thread that bound them together, even before they realized how central it would become to their marriage.

Their relationship began long before text messages and FaceTime. With Chris away at Michigan Tech University and Kim still finishing school downstate, they relied on handwritten letters and weekly late-night phone calls to connect. "We spent hours writing back and forth," Chris recalls. "Looking back, it was such a gift. You really get to know someone when you're putting your heart on paper."

The traditions that shaped their childhoods became the blueprint for their own family. Faith guided their daily life, from dinner around the table to Mass every Sunday without exception. Even vacations carried that same expectation. "It was never, 'Are we going to church?'" Chris says. "It was, 'Where are we going to church?' God has always been a priority, no matter where we are."

Just as their parents had done for them, Chris and Kim instilled faith as the heartbeat of family life. Their children grew up knowing that prayer, community, and service were non-negotiables. And into their adulthood, they've carried that legacy forward by living out stewardship in their own way. "They've been given so much, and they're using their gifts to serve others," Chris says. "That's what stewardship looks like. It's not just money. It's your time, your talents, your very life."

Growing Into a Life of Stewardship

Like many Catholic couples, the Cruickshanks began their married life committed to practicing their faith as it was taught.

For years, their faith was steady but sometimes compartmentalized — one commitment among many in the swirl of raising children, working, and managing daily responsibilities.

Over time, though, both Chris and Kim experienced a shift. What had once felt like obligation began to take root as something deeper: intentional stewardship.

Kim recalls an early moment in their marriage when a couple at their parish spoke about the blessings of tithing. “They challenged us to think differently — that we couldn’t outgive God,” she remembers. Though money was tight, the Cruickshanks began giving to God first, a practice that has shaped their approach to stewardship ever since.

That conviction became a guiding force in how the Cruickshanks approached their parish life as well. Chris used his engineering background to help manage a major expansion project at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, Rockford. It was a tangible reminder that stewardship includes more than financial giving — it is offering one’s skills, time, and energy back to God.

Faith in Action

Chris and Kim believe that stewarding the Catholic faith requires more than just going through the motions — it calls for putting faith into action. That belief has taken them down complementary paths of service, rooted in the conviction that life is fullest when centered on faith.

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Chris Cruickshank



Chris found that call through God’s Embrace, a ministry that teaches and empowers Catholics to experience daily the loving embrace of our Triune God. After completing the program, they later began facilitating groups themselves, walking others through Scripture, prayer, and Eucharistic life. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land further deepened their formation, reminding them that daily prayer and intentional discipleship are at the core of Catholic life. Chris believes, “If even one person’s life changes because of the time you invest, then it’s worth every effort.”

For Kim, stewardship has always meant showing up where her gifts are needed most. In 2019, she felt God nudging her toward HELP Pregnancy Aid. Already serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at a local hospital, she wanted to extend her commitment to protecting life and supporting women in need. A series of “God moments,” including meeting HELP’s executive director Paula Veneklasé at a retreat and later at a housing luncheon, confirmed her call.

Since then, Kim has served weekly as a Client Advocate Volunteer, meeting one-on-one with women and their children. “I can’t fix all their



problems, but I can bring a bit of calm and love in the midst of their chaos." For her, the highlight is offering both practical resources and emotional and spiritual support, walking with mothers as they move from crisis to stability. "Being pro-life is about more than belief," she says. "It's about asking, 'What are we going to do about it?'"

Together, Chris and Kim's service shows that stewardship is meant to be a way of life that weaves faith into every decision — and that generosity is most powerful when it's lived out in action. That same conviction ultimately led them to opening a DAF with the Catholic Foundation to make sure their giving could remain as intentional and lasting as the values they've built their lives around.

Donor Advised Funds: Flexible Giving for the Future of Our Faith

When Kim and Chris learned about DAFs, they quickly recognized how closely the concept aligned with their values. After decades of faithful giving on their own time, they wanted a way to make their philanthropy more simple, convenient, and impactful.

The decision came down to stewardship and practicality. "If we're already giving, why not do it in the smartest way possible?" Chris posits. A DAF, they realized, not only maximizes the impact of each gift but also streamlines the process, consolidating countless year-end

checks into a single, thoughtful plan. "Even if you're donating small amounts to a number of causes, this is a way to be very efficient with your time," he adds.

The Cruickshanks also see their DAF as a way to extend their stewardship beyond their own lifetime. With their children able to serve as successors, the fund offers a path for generosity to ripple into future generations. To others discerning their own path of giving, Chris offers this perspective: "This isn't just for the ultra-wealthy. It's an accessible way for everyday Catholics to be intentional about their giving, and it gives our kids the option to carry it forward if they choose."

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smartest way possible?"**

Chris Cruickshank

Extending the Call to Stewardship

When asked what advice they would share with others discerning their own path of generosity, Chris and Kim keep it simple: start small, and trust God with the rest. "God has each of us right where we're supposed to be, with the right people and the right resources. He only asks that we put them to use."

They hope other families will experience the same joy and freedom in giving that has shaped their own lives. Through the Catholic Foundation, they've discovered a structure that helps them give with confidence today while ensuring their legacy of stewardship will carry on for the next generation.

Their story is a powerful reminder of what the Catholic Foundation seeks to nurture in every family: a life of faith expressed in generosity that helps strengthen the Church and transform our community for years to come.



Bishop's Angels

One Gift, Twice the Impact

For more than 25 years, the Bishop's Angels have stood at the heart of the Foundation's mission. Through their faith-filled generosity, they inspire others to give, cultivate a spirit of stewardship, and help ensure the Church can respond to the ongoing needs of our community.

We invite you to consider a gift to the Bishop's Angels annual giving program, joining like-minded donors in building a culture of generosity, funding vibrant ministries, and strengthening our Catholic community today, tomorrow, and forever.

A Special Thank You to Our Bishop's Angels!

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Light of Christ Legacy Society

Lighting the Way for Future Generations

The Light of Christ Legacy Society honors individuals and families who have included a legacy gift to the Catholic Foundation, a parish, a Catholic school, a Catholic organization, or the Diocese of Grand Rapids in their will or estate plan. We express deep gratitude to those whose enduring generosity helps ensure that the light of Christ continues to shine brightly across West Michigan — illuminating lives, strengthening faith, and building a more vibrant Catholic future.

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Suzanne Haas Williams
Bob & Renie Woodard

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Let us come together
to build a future where
the light of Christ's love
continues to shine brightly
for generations to come.



"We are passionate about supporting care for others who are less fortunate than we are, especially those in need of food, clothing, or counseling. By designating Catholic Charities of West Michigan as one of the beneficiaries in our Estate Plan, we are confident that this work will continue for future generations. Our parents instilled in us a love for our faith and the importance of tithing, which taught us to share our financial gifts from God with others."

Monica and Marie Burns



"Throughout our 40-year marriage, we embraced stewardship as a lifestyle because it acknowledges that our faith, family, health, and careers are gifts from God. We express our gratitude by being good stewards of all the resources at our disposal. Therefore, we decided to leave an estate gift to our parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Belmont. Our parish is an extension of our family — it is where our children received their sacraments, attended school, and we even have a plot in the cemetery!"

Richard and Mary Panek



"After having our four children attend Catholic grade school and high school, we felt it was important for others to have the experience our children did growing up in a Catholic environment. We want to help keep tuition costs lower, ensuring Catholic education is accessible for all families."

Kim and Pam Gary



Find the Giving Path that Speaks to Your Heart

Your gift to the Catholic Foundation can be as personal as your faith. Whether you're giving today or planning for tomorrow, there are many meaningful ways to make an impact on your parish, your school, your community, and the Church you love.



Open an Endowed Fund

Always & Forever

An endowment is a permanent fund that provides annual support to the Catholic causes you cherish. The principal remains intact while the investment earnings generate a steady stream of funding year after year for your parish, school, or ministry.



Open a Donor Advised Fund

Flexible. Simple. Convenient.

Coordinate your charitable giving in one place — from your parish offertory to Catholic school support and charities helping the poor. When you open a donor advised fund (DAF), your gift is invested tax-free, allowing you to grow your impact over time while keeping your giving aligned with your Catholic values.



Join the Bishop's Angels

One Gift, Twice the Impact

Bishop's Angels are individuals who annually contribute (\$2,500+) to support the general operation of the Catholic Foundation and the Providential Care Fund, which fuels our Love & Charity grant program.



Leave a Legacy

Return Your Blessings to the Lord

Including one or several of the Church's ministries in your will or trust is a beautiful way to create your Catholic legacy. Through provisions in your estate plans, you can be recognized in our Light of Christ Legacy Society.



Give to an Existing Fund

Choose from Hundreds of Funds

You can direct your gift to support an existing charitable fund for the benefit of a particular Catholic cause or ministry. Join others to create a larger impact for a Catholic parish, school, or organization of your choice.



Honor a Loved One

Celebrate a Life

Create an honorary or memorial fund, or add your contribution to an existing fund, to celebrate the life of someone who has made a lasting impact on you. This type of gift serves as a testament of the love, respect, or appreciation you have for the special individual.



Let's Talk About the Right Giving Path for You

Discover how the Catholic Foundation can support your intent and impact today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. Contact us today to discuss your options.



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Hope Across Generations

2025 Love & Charity Grants Support Individuals at All Stages of Life

Twelve grants totaling \$116,250 reflected the Church's commitment to walking alongside the faithful in moments of need, formation, and renewal.

"A year ago, a mom recovering from homelessness came to the **Moms Room** at **St. Mary, Spring Lake** in hope of receiving car seats for her children. Not only were we able to give her the car seats and other supplies, but we walked alongside her family over the past year. Recently she was able to move out of transitional housing and into her own apartment!"

Volunteer

Walking with Moms in Need



Infants

"When I became a single father, I had a hard time. Trying to figure out diapers and wipes for four children under five is very stressful, so a place like **St. Gianna's** takes a lot of stress off."

Di'ette

Dad and Catholic Charities West
Michigan St. Gianna's Shopper

Divine Providence Academy

provided prayer journals to their middle school students as part of their **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** program. The students learned how to create and lead prayers, write personal intentions, and work together in a communal manner.

Anchor – Michigan Catholic Middle School Conference



Middle Schoolers

Catholic Schools and All Belong Center for Inclusive Education Partnership



Children

"Jesus softened my heart to know that the littlest parishioners of the church are capable of being in deep relationship with the Good Shepherd. Through the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training** at Prince of Peace Parish, Muskegon, I now have a beautiful method of sharing sacred scripture and the liturgy in a way that means something to children."

Morgan Afton

Coordinator of Religious Education
St. John Paul II, Cedar Springs



Young Adults

SEEK25 – Young Adult Conference Scholarships

"We've already seen the project impact the students at **Harmel Academy** who, in helping construct the **Mobile Lab**, were able to see how their skills can contribute to something meaningful."

David Michael Phelps

President

Harmel Academy of the Trades

Annual Winter Retreat Newman Center, Big Rapids

Renewing the Catholic Family Speakers Series



Adults

On a cold February day, a very typical call for help came into **SS. Peter & Paul Parish**, Ionia. Lisa, a single mother of five children, had her power shut off. The **Friends of Jesus Fund** was able to help her get her power turned back on that same day. She and her family had lights and heat once more.

A **Holy Spirit** parishioner in her mid-50s unknowingly registered to be in a **small group** of late 20s single women. "I love this group. I have a daughter almost the same age as all of you. This group gives me hope for her. It gives me hope that there are people like you all out there that are young and passionate about their faith. This has allowed me to reconnect with my family in a new way."

Thank you to the Bishop's Angels and Catholic Business Leaders Forum sponsors who make these grants possible! Their generosity is shaping lives.



Seniors



Catholic Business Leader Forums

Catholic Leadership in Action



Hosted by the Catholic Foundation, the Catholic Business Leader Forums bring together West Michigan professionals for morning gatherings that foster meaningful connections and explore business, faith, and community impact through the lens of Catholic leadership. Proceeds support the Love & Charity grants, extending the impact far beyond the room.

These inspiring forums are made possible thanks to our generous sponsors, whose support also strengthens vital ministries across West Michigan.

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#GiveCatholicWM Challenge Grants

For the fourth year, the Catholic Foundation sponsored GivingTuesday challenges, offering grants totaling \$10,000 for parishes, schools, and ministries across the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

Because of their community's generosity on GivingTuesday, Bishop Baraga Academy was able to deepen faith formation in the classroom, enhance their Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium, and add joyful touches such as Saint "plushies" — that continue to inspire love, kindness, and sharing.

"We are profoundly grateful for every single gift. The support from donors and the grants did not just meet immediate needs — it planted seeds of faith, love, and community that continue to grow today."

Dr. Shari Ann McCarty
Executive Director/Principal

Congratulations to the 2024 Challenge Grant Winners!

Bishop Baraga Academy, Fremont
Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Grand Rapids
Holy Redeemer Parish, Jenison
Holy Spirit Parish and School,
Grand Rapids
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic School, Grand Rapids
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St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rapids
St. Charles Borromeo
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St. Jude Parish, Grand Rapids
St. Mary - St. Paul Parish, Big Rapids
St. Mary Catholic School, Spring Lake
St. Patrick Catholic School, Portland
St. Simon Parish, Ludington

Endowed Funds

Always & Forever

Endowed funds, also referred to as endowments, are permanent funds that provide annual support to the Catholic causes you cherish. Gifts made today will continue to impact parishes, Catholic education, vocations, and ministries for generations to come.

Funds Impacting Diocesan Priorities and/ or Community Needs

Educating Children & Young Adults

Bishop's Fund for Catholic Education
Dzwonkowski Education Fund
Ronald & Joan Griffith Fund
Wege Teacher Benefit Enhancement Fund

In the 2024/2025 school year, the Bishop's Fund for Catholic Education helped fund \$503,000 in Bishop's Scholarships to 845 students across the diocese.

Sharing Our Catholic Faith

Bishop Kevin M. Britt Adult Faith Formation Fund
Bishop's Fund for Religious Education
Fr. Norman Droski Fund for Catholic Parish Worship Structure: Renovation, Maintenance & Construction
Fund for the Faith
Media Evangelization Fund
Pastoral Services Ministry
Paul & Leisa Snow Fund for Catholic Truth & Apologetics

Helping the Poor & Vulnerable

Catholic Charities West Michigan
God's Kitchen
John & Betty Neary Family Fund
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Monsignor Terrence L. Stewart Fund for the Poor
Roy & Carolyn Seyffert Basic Needs Fund
Sister Rose Callahan Fund for the Aged & Disabled
St. Vincent de Paul Endowment Fund, in memory of Frank J. Markel

Supporting Religious Vocations

Byars Family Fund for Seminarian Education
Cebelak Vocations Promotion Fund
Dan & Sherry Bowen Fund
Deacon Kenneth Baldwin Memorial Fund for Seminarian Formation
The Dougal Family Vocation Fund
Emil Shebesta – Muskegon Knights of Columbus Fund
Fallon Family Vocations Fund
Father Anthony Vainavicz Fund for Seminarians*
Fedewa Fund for Formation of Seminarians
Fr. Dennis Morrow Vocation Fund
Fr. Peter Omogo Honorary Fund for Seminarian Formation
Hendrickson Family Fund, in memory of Charlie
Jack & Carol Smith Family Fund
John C. Loss/Knights of Columbus 12985 – Seminarian Assistance Fund
Larry & Nancy Erhardt Vocations Fund
Lowery Family Seminarian Fund
The Maggini Memorial Fund
McDowell Family Vocations Fund
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Our Shepherds – Our Future Fund for Seminarian Education
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Greatest Needs

Carl J. Schowalter Memorial Fund
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Lehman/Panek Family Fund
Mary P. & John M. Wolf Memorial Fund
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Funds Impacting Our Parishes, Catholic Schools, and Organizations

All Saints Academy (Grand Rapids)
Barbara Hernes Memorial Scholarship Fund*
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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Belmont)
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Basilica of St. Adalbert Education Fund
Mary Jane Kaye Fund
Blessed Sacrament (Grand Rapids)
The Kandra Family Endowment Fund, in Memory of John & Mary Kandra and Frank & Agnus Kandra

Lena Allgeier Education Fund

Cathedral of Saint Andrew
(Grand Rapids)

Cathedral of Saint Andrew
Preservation Fund

Christ the King – St. Francis
de Sales (Howard City)

McKenney General Fund

Saint Apollonia Cemetery –
McKenney Perpetual Care Fund

Corpus Christi School (Holland) –
Jacqueline Cyr Miller Fund

Holy Family (Caledonia) – Peter &
Kathleen Huizenga Family Trust Fund

Holy Name of Jesus Parish (Wyoming)

Holy Name of Jesus Parish –
Evangelization Fund

Holy Name of Jesus Parish –
Unrestricted Fund

Holy Trinity (Comstock Park)

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish
Cemetery Fund*

Holy Trinity Education Fund

Immaculate Heart of Mary (Grand Rapids)

Muskegon Catholic Central

Alvina Sandusky Fund –
Muskegon Catholic Schools

Our Lady of Consolation (Rockford)

Nichols Family Fund

Sacred Heart Julia Ross Memorial
Scholarship (Ewart)

Sacred Heart (Muskegon)

Korson Family Scholarship Fund

Vida Family Fund

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Grand Rapids)

The Dougal Family Educational Fund

San Juan Diego Academy (Wyoming)

AMDG Scholarship Assistance Fund
(Ad majorem Dei gloriam)

The Endowment Promise Fund

Fr. Don Weber Family
Foundation Fund

Julia Hartman Klein Educational Fund

Shrine of Saint Francis Xavier & Our Lady
of Guadalupe Parish (Grand Rapids),
formerly St. Dominic

SS. Peter & Paul (Grand Rapids)

SS. Peter & Paul (Ionia)

Armando Quaglia Scholarship Fund

Rex P. & Mary E. O'Connor Family
Scholarship Fund



*"We are just an average family, including two working parents and three young boys. As a former student of **St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School**, I know firsthand the benefits of attending a Catholic school. We've made very worthwhile financial sacrifices to be able to send our kids there, but we couldn't do it without the help of the scholarship money, and we are truly grateful for it. Our kids are receiving a well-rounded education rooted in the Catholic faith while also learning to be kind human beings who will contribute to society in a positive way. We wouldn't want to be anywhere else!"*

Mandi Bradeen
Parent, St. Anthony of Padua,
Grand Rapids

St. Ann's Home Benevolent Care Fund

St. Ann's Home Capital
Enhancement Fund

St. Anthony of Padua (Grand Rapids)

Jim & Josie Dirkes Parish
Improvement Memorial Fund

Jim & Josie Dirkes Scholarship Fund

John O'Donnell Memorial
Scholarship Fund

Rosalie & Bernard Niedzwiecki
Education Fund

Rosemary T. Bolek Scholarship Fund

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Endowment Fund

St. Bartholomew Parish Endowment
Fund (Newaygo)

St. Charles Borromeo (Greenville)

Buescher Fund – St. Charles

The Kenneth & Gail Lehman Fund

St. Edward (Lake Odessa)

St. Gregory (Hart)

St. Isidore (Grand Rapids)

St. James (Montague)

St. John Paul II Parish
Cemetery Fund (Cedar Springs)

St. John the Baptist Fr. Jim Cusack Parish
Scholarship Fund (Hubbardston)

St. Joseph & Divine Providence Academy
(Wright Township)

St. Joseph – St. Mary (Belding)

St. Mary (Miriam)



*"With the support of NET Missionaries, the youth ministry program in Newaygo County is bringing young disciples closer to Jesus. After the program, one of the girls started inviting others to join her for Mass. Now at least a dozen teens, Catholic and non-Catholic, drive themselves to Mass. Five of these are in OCIA this year preparing for baptism this Easter. Most of them wouldn't have been ready for OCIA without meeting with missionaries. We are thankful for the **St. Bartholomew endowment** which supported bringing the NET Missionaries to our community."*

Erin Duba
Director of Youth Ministry,
Newaygo County

St. Jude (Grand Rapids)
 St. Mary (Carson City)
 St. Mary (Lowell)
 Carter G. Ryan Scholarship
 St. Mary (Muskegon) – Fr. Ernest J. Bernott
 Educational Endowment Fund
 St. Mary (Spring Lake)
 St. Mary Magdalen (Kentwood)
 St. Mary – St. Paul (Big Rapids) –
 Foundation Fund
 The Barbara Borth Fund
 Mildred Weis Fund –
 St. Mary–St. Paul
 The Rosalinde Parsons
 Good Samaritan Fund
 St. Mary Catholic School



"The Daniel J. Donnelly Education endowment is a lifeline for St. Paul the Apostle. This endowment enables us not only to open the doors to Catholic education for families who may not be able to afford it, but also to attract and retain exceptional educators who embody the mission of Catholic education every day. The impact of our endowment is felt in every classroom, every child's life, and in the strength of our incredible community."

Michelle Morrow
 Principal
 St. Paul the Apostle,
 Grand Rapids

St. Paul Newman Center Fund
 (Ferris State University Catholic
 Campus Ministry)
 St. Michael (Brunswick)
 St. Michael (Coopersville)
 St. Michael (Muskegon)
 St. Michael (Remus)
 Mary Pat & Don Ziemke Sr.
 Scholarship Fund
 St. Patrick (Parnell)
 Blundy Legacy Fund
 St. Patrick (Portland)
 Al & Karla Schrauben Athletic Fund
 Alvina Sandusky Fund –
 Portland Catholic Schools
 The Former Pastors' Shamrock
 Endowment Fund
 St. Patrick – Youth Ministry Fund
 Stan and Jane Gross Scholarship
 Endowment Fund*
 St. Patrick – St. Anthony Parish Legacy Fund
 (Grand Haven)
 Anonymous fund to benefit the parish
 St. Patrick – St. Anthony
 College Scholarship Fund
 St. Patrick – St. Anthony
 Educational Fund
 St. Patrick – St. Anthony Youth Fund
 St. Paul the Apostle/Daniel J. Donnelly
 Education Foundation (Grand Rapids)
 AMDG Architects Scholarship Fund –
 St. Paul the Apostle School
 St. Pius X (Grandville) – Monsignor John
 Najdowski Fund for the Poor
 St. Robert Catholic School – Fr. Len Sudlik
 Scholarship Fund (Ada)
 AMDG Architects Scholarship Fund –
 St. Robert Catholic School*
 St. Sebastian Parish (Byron Center) –
 Pierce Fund
 St. Simon (Ludington),
 formerly St. Stanislaus
 St. Simon (Ludington),
 formerly Sacred Heart
 St. Simon (Ludington) –
 Pere Marquette Cemetery Fund
 St. Stephen (East Grand Rapids)
 Dorothy Thomas Scholarship Fund
 Mabel Sullivan Scholarship Fund
 Monsignor Arthur LeRoux
 Scholarship Fund
 Peter M. Wege Scholarship Fund

Sandra Thomas Family Fund
 Sophia Louise Wege Scholarship Fund
 STAR Scholarship Fund
 Swanson Scholarship Fund
 St. Thomas the Apostle (Grand Rapids) –
 Cunningham/McCahill Fund

Funds Impacting Grand Rapids Catholic High Schools

In partnership with the Foundation for Catholic Secondary Education, endowment assets for Catholic Central and West Catholic High Schools are managed by the Catholic Foundation.



Catholic Central High School

AMDG Architects Scholarship Fund –
 Catholic Central High School
 The Brian "McDivot" O'Driscoll
 Scholarship Fund
 Catholic Central
 General Endowment Fund
 "Conquering Obstacles"
 The Denny Flak Scholarship
 Deacon Dale Hollern Scholarship
 Dennis W. Campbell
 Memorial Scholarship
 Dr. William '54 & Mary '54
 Passinault Family Scholarship
 The Ed & Elaine Mulry Scholarship
 Ed & June Prein Family
 CCHS Scholarship Fund
 Eugene "Sam" Kunst
 Endowed Memorial Scholarship
 The Fred & Rosemary Braun Scholarship

The James & Ann Burns
Endowed Scholarship

Jared T. Pilczuk Lifetime
of Service Scholarship Fund

The Jeffrey P. Scholz
Memorial Scholarship

Jim & Linda Payne
Tuition Assistance Fund

Joe & Marie Reynolds
Family Scholarship Fund

Joe Lauria Memorial
Scholarship Fund

The John & Sandy Lowery
Family Scholarship

Jon Davidson Memorial Scholarship

Lawrence & Patricia Ranazzi
Transfer Scholarship

The Leigh Eriks & Armen Oumedian
STEM Scholarship

Mary J. Burns Endowed Fund*

Mary Lynn Kampfschulte
Scholarship Fund

The Michael Lebednick Scholarship Fund,
in honor of Albert & Eleanor Lebednick

The Nicholas Mihos
Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Patrick M. Quinn '51
and Rita L. Quinn '51
Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

Paul & Helen Walsh Scholarship

Philip & Sharon Burns
Heart & Soul Award

The Reed Family Music
Scholarship Fund

Rev. James C. Kowalski Scholarship Fund –
Catholic Central High School

The Rob Rosenbach
Memorial Scholarship

Robert & Francis (Schaaf) Rinehart Trust

Rosloniec Family Scholarship Fund

Sr. Robert Ann Dominican Sisters
Educational Fund

The Thomas L. Quinn '53
& Geraldine L. Quinn '54
Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Timothy CC'51 & Janet Conroy
Family Legacy Scholarship Fund

William & Karen Lawrence
Family Scholarship

The William Ronan '61 Scholarship

The Willie Butler Encounter
Diversity Endowed Scholarship

The Ziemke Family Scholarship



West Catholic High School

AMD Architects Scholarship Fund –
West Catholic High School

Bertram Family Scholarship

Bill & Colleen Roth & Family Scholarship

Bishop Hurley Scholarship Fund

Bob & Pat Misner Tuition Scholarship

Bob "Sarge" & Charlene Czarnecki Fund

The Brechting Academic & Athletic
Scholarship – West Catholic High School

Captain Kevin Czarnecki Scholarship Fund*

The Cynthia (Wisz) Kneibel
Scholarship Fund

The Czerney Szoka Scholarship

David A. Veneklas Family Scholarship

Deacon Ed & Joanne Harwood
Angel Scholarship Fund

Ed Wagner Tuition Assistance Fund

Falcon Music Scholarship Fund

Fewless and Gaca Family Memorial
Endowment Scholarship Fund*

The Florence B. & Joseph F. Jachim
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Fr. Dennis Morrow Education Fund

The Francis & Gloria Rasch Family
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Frank Diehl Legacy Scholarship

Grace (Bono) Slott Endowed Scholarship

Hunter Family Scholarship Fund

John L. Young Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kluting Family Scholarship

Michael G. Cherrette Memorial Scholarship

Miles V. and Cecelia A. Schmidt
Family Scholarship Fund*

Mulder Family Scholarship Fund

Patrick & Jacqueline Murphy
Endowed Scholarship

Rev. James C. Kowalski Scholarship Fund –
West Catholic High School

Robert & Darlene Debrì
Tuition Assistance Fund*

Robert & Larita Stephanak
Memorial Scholarship

Robert W. Mysliwiec Falcon Award
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Smith–Verkin Family Scholarship

St. John Paul II Scholarship

St. Peter Claver Scholarship Fund

Steven Chulski Memorial Scholarship Fund

VanGessel Family Scholarship

The West Catholic
Band Boosters Scholarship

West Catholic General Endowment Fund

Shared Beneficiary between Catholic Central and West Catholic High Schools

David M. Seamon
"Leadership" Scholarship

Douglas & Arlene Lillis Scholarship

Eugenia Czarnecki Family Fund

The Faculty Enhancement Fund

Fr. Julien Reginato
Fund for Catholic Education

Francis J. Geary Scholarship

Frank & Mary Hernes Memorial
Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

The Lena L. Allgeier Technology Fund

Lyle B. Morrison Memorial Scholarship

Msgr. Charles D. Brophy Scholarship

Polish American History
Endowed Scholarships Fund

The Reilly Family Scholarship

Reynolds–Elderkin Family Scholarship

The Richard J. Boguslaski Science &
Engineering Equipment Endowment

Ronnell & Linda Denhof Scholarship Fund

*New fund since June 30, 2024

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Chad & Lauren Warner Fund

Cruikshank Family Charitable Fund*

David J. Walkowiak Charitable Fund

The Frost Family Charitable Fund

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Fund for Theology of the Body

Kluting Charitable Fund

The Miles J. Murphy IV Memorial Fund

Misericordia in Action

McDowell Family Fund

Our Lady of Good Health Fund

Panek Family Charitable Fund

Patrick & Alissa Mullally Family Fund

The Snow Family – Paul A. Snow
Fund for Defense of the Catholic Faith

The Stranz Family Charitable Fund

Tom & Tracy Rosenbach Fund



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Cathedral of Saint Andrew Capital Needs Fund

To support the preservation, maintenance, and capital improvements of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (Grand Rapids)

Habitat*

To support capital improvements and beautification of the nave and sanctuary of St. Paul the Apostle Parish (Grand Rapids)

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Education Mission Fund*

To support the general operations and address the greatest needs of San Juan Diego Academy (Wyoming)

*New fund since June 30, 2024



Financials

Complete financial statement audit reports are available at catholicfoundationwmi.org

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2025

| Assets | 6/30/2025 | 6/30/2024 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$1,744,802 | \$2,525,326 |
| Investments | 135,861,359 | 123,837,722 |
| Beneficial Interest | 13,368,894 | 12,210,929 |
| Other Assets | 5,250 | 415 |
| Total Assets | \$150,980,305 | \$138,574,392 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | 6/30/2025 | 6/30/2024 |
| Deposits | \$44,007,727 | \$41,481,417 |
| Accounts Payable | 40,296 | 135,168 |
| Total Liabilities | 44,048,023 | 41,616,585 |
| Total Net Assets | 106,932,282 | 96,957,807 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$150,980,305 | \$138,574,392 |

Statement of Activities

Twelve months ending June 30, 2025

| Revenues | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Interest and Dividends on Investments | \$2,726,160 | \$2,055,637 |
| Net Change in Fair Value of Investments | 9,937,060 | 14,650,645 |
| Change in Beneficial Interest | 1,157,966 | 309,899 |
| Contributions | 3,279,393 | 2,433,255 |
| Admin Fees | 366,167 | 311,927 |
| Total Revenues | \$17,466,746 | \$19,761,363 |
| Expenses | 2025 | 2024 |
| Allocations to Participant Accounts | \$4,187,796 | \$5,499,330 |
| Grants | 2,541,762 | 2,181,205 |
| Salaries and Benefits | 363,733 | 410,578 |
| Administrative | 398,980 | 408,409 |
| Total Expenses | 7,492,271 | 8,499,522 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$9,974,475 | \$11,261,841 |

Investment Performance (%)

Net of Investment Fees

| | 3 Years | 5 Years | 7 Years |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Catholic Foundation of West Michigan | 12.63% | 10.52% | 9.22% |
| Benchmark | 12.76% | 10.72% | 9.26% |
| Over/Under Performance | -0.13% | -0.20% | -0.04% |

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Thank You.

By joining together in the name of our Catholic faith, we continue to combine our blessings and resources to strengthen our Catholic community today, tomorrow, and forever.

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