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# St. Peter Catholic Church

STATE OF THE PARISH 2026



## OUR PASTORAL PRINCIPLES

### HEALTHY PARISHES

#### Goals

- I. Increase evangelization opportunities that result in increased Mass attendance and participation in parish events. ✓
- II. Achieve full active participation in liturgical worship that increases Mass attendance, adoration, and reception of the sacraments.
- III. Grow faith formation and discipleship participation that fosters a sense of belonging and mission.
- IV. Inspire and equip parishioners to take an active role in lay leadership and organizational health including stewardship of parish facilities and property, operations, and financial health of the parish.

### EDUCATION

#### Goals

- I. Grow parent and family faith formation, discipleship, and participation, through educational opportunities that foster a sense of belonging and mission.
- II. Revitalize youth intellectual and faith formation across all programs (CCD, Homeschool, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools) to form lifelong disciples.
- III. Garner the necessary resources to achieve optimal enrollment in our Catholic Schools and expand as needed.
- IV. Prioritize education, training, and formation for priest and lay administrators, teachers, and support staff.

### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

#### Goals

- I. Provide health, wellness, spiritual resources, and support to priests and religious for a balanced, integrated life.
- II. Provide pastoral leadership development opportunities so that priests feel confident and equipped for their work.
- III. Create opportunities for the laity to deepen their understanding of the vocations of priesthood and religious life.
- IV. Promote vocations at the parish and diocesan levels to increase the number of priests and religious.

### HOLY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

#### Goals

- I. Revive sacramental marriage and prepare couples for marriage through structured stages of formation, mentorship and support in the pre-marriage and early marriage stages allowing for conversion, accompaniment, and a bridge into the parish community.
- II. Provide ongoing marriage enrichment, formation and renewal for couples married five years or more throughout the diocese.
- III. Broaden ministries of accompaniment throughout the diocese for families, with special emphasis on the poor and those in need.
- IV. Provide access to resources that support families in order to promote a culture of life.

## How St. Peter Church is already implementing this plan

Healthy Parishes	Education	Religious Vocation	Marriage & Family Life
<b>Evangelization:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Door to door – 453 inactive people</li> <li>• 26 OCIA this year</li> <li>• SENT training</li> </ul>	<b>Family Formation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family confession night</li> <li>• Sacrament formation for parents</li> <li>• Discipleship groups</li> </ul>	<b>Support priests &amp; sisters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fr. Clark &amp; Tines weekly meeting</li> <li>• Wed rectory meals</li> <li>• Saturday Mass at convent</li> </ul>	<b>Marriage Prep:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implemented Witness to Love</li> <li>• Train mentor couples</li> <li>• Hired a marriage coordinator</li> </ul>
<b>Sacraments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass: 30% to 53%</li> <li>• 3 hr more confessions</li> <li>• Perpetual adoration started</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Formation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catechesis of Good Shepherd</li> <li>• Education in Virtue</li> <li>• LNK – high school</li> </ul>	<b>Pastoral leadership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PXT, Affirmation, Working Genius</li> <li>• Onboarding plan for assistants</li> <li>• Leadership book studies</li> </ul>	<b>Marriage Formation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly married couples book study at rectory</li> <li>• Implement <i>Communio</i> (1<sup>st</sup> in state)</li> <li>• Retreat &amp; anniversary cards</li> </ul>
<b>Discipleship:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear Path Ministry</li> <li>• 23 small group</li> <li>• Upper Room</li> </ul>	<b>School enrollment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Down 47 students</li> <li>• 75% baptized 5 years ago chose St. Peter School</li> <li>• Preschool increase 262%</li> </ul>	<b>Lay support:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meals with parishioners 3x/week</li> <li>• Volunteer rectory cleaning</li> <li>• Discipleship Council</li> </ul>	<b>Accompaniment for poor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support SVDP</li> <li>• Local scholarship: \$1,000/student</li> <li>• Grief ministry</li> </ul>
<b>Stewardship:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tithe increased 40%</li> <li>• \$3.5 million in deferred maintenance</li> <li>• Ministry renewal</li> <li>• 2025 Net income: \$270k</li> </ul>	<b>Staff training:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yearly retreat</li> <li>• CGS</li> <li>• Working Genius &amp; PXT</li> </ul>	<b>Vocations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Deacon Peter Foley</li> <li>• \$25k to support seminarians</li> <li>• No religious sisters from St. Peter 35 years</li> </ul>	<b>Culture of Life:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hired an NFP instructor</li> <li>• Organize praying at abortion mill</li> <li>• Celebrate baptisms</li> </ul>

# Turning things around

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“It is about people, plan and process”

# People – as of April 1, 2026

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Total population: 3,500 (5% of diocese)

Registered Households: 1,366

Active Households (time, talents, & treasure): 903

Staff: 40 fulltime & 16 part time

58 ministries

# Father Pastor

## PRIESTLY

helps us worship and remain devoted to the Lord in prayer

Assistant Priest  
Fr. Tines

## KINGLY

helps us be good stewards of our facilities and care for those in need

Director of Discipleship  
Bailey Frey      CFO  
Brenda Shields      School Principal  
Curt Fellmeier

## PROPHETIC

helps us evangelize and teach others to respond to God's Word

Parish Catechist  
Blake Vajrt

Music  
Mary Odgaard

Acolytes  
John Kuchta

Custodian  
Tim Bartsch

Assistant Principal  
Katie O'Neil

Evangelization  
Blake Vajrt

St. Monica's  
Fay Fayad

Sacristan  
Raul Saavedra, Rod Moxley,  
& Anne Copple

Lectors  
Michael Messineo

Fall Festival  
Amy Fendrick

School Secretary  
Bridget Paseka

The Way  
Kelly Honke

Discipleship Groups  
Blake Vajrt & Bailey Frey

Ushers  
David McWilliams

Servers  
James Benes / Bridget  
Paseka

Grounds  
Greg Jeffrey

Registrar  
Mary Eckrich

Youth Ministry  
Blake Vajrt

CCD  
Cassie Placke

Eucharistic Adoration  
Trey Stephens

Hospitality  
Debby Rye / Becky Huebner

Parish Secretary & Office  
Sarah Schafers

Kitchen Manager  
Janice Bosland

Sacrament Preparations  
Blake Vajrt

TMIY  
Jerry Vrbka

Prayer Line  
Britni Biba

Decorations  
Kathleen Noonan & Sarah  
Schafers

Welcoming New Members  
Katherine Norman

St. Peter School  
Teachers

Baptism Prep  
Patty Daberkow

Pro-Life  
Rich Horner

Funeral Luncheons  
Kathleen Noonan

Jesus of Divine Mercy  
Jeannie Moxley

Parish Fundraiser  
Megan Cooper / Tamara  
Toof

St. Vincent De Paul  
Joe Flattery

Marriage Prep  
Anne Hubbell

Friday Women's Bible Study  
Mary Bates

The Holy Face  
Lisa Kerrigan

EMHC  
Michael Hayes

Photography  
Tim Bartsch

Trustees  
John Kuchta & Linda Stacy

Parish Pilgrimage  
Jeff Runyan

Legion of Mary  
Mike Davis

Church Cleaning  
Jan Jindra

Sacks of Love  
Kay McGuire

School Volunteers

Called & Gifted  
Lynette McArdle

Parish Retreat  
Blake Vajrt

Trivia Night  
Matt & Erin Willnerd and  
Aaron & Amanda Wiegert

Pickleball  
Chad Trofholz

Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts  
Matt Tapling

MOPs  
Kari Bazan

Men's Golf League  
Chris Wagner & Douglas  
Kriefels

SFA  
Matt & Erin Willnerd

Men's Basketball League  
Nate Noecker

PCCW  
Kathy Benes

Discipleship Council

Finance Council

Knights of Columbus  
William Trieb

# St. Peter Strategic Plan 2021

**VISION:** St. Peter Catholic Church will *abide in Christ and build His kingdom*

**MISSION:** *To fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ* to make disciples by participating in His ministry as priest, prophet and king

**PRINCIPLES:** St. Peter Parish has seven cultural norms that guide us toward what we value:

1. We exhibit *Holiness* by participating in the life of Christ through the sacraments and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model
2. We incorporate *Beauty* in our sacred liturgy and sacred space
3. We practice *Evangelization* by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through corporal and spiritual works of mercy
4. We pursue *Truth* through intellectual and spiritual formation, guided by Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium
5. We celebrate all human *Life* from conception to natural death and defend the dignity of the vulnerable
6. We cultivate *Unity* in our parish, greater community and universal church
7. We are generous *Stewards* of our time, talent, & treasure

# Process: The Clear Path of Discipleship

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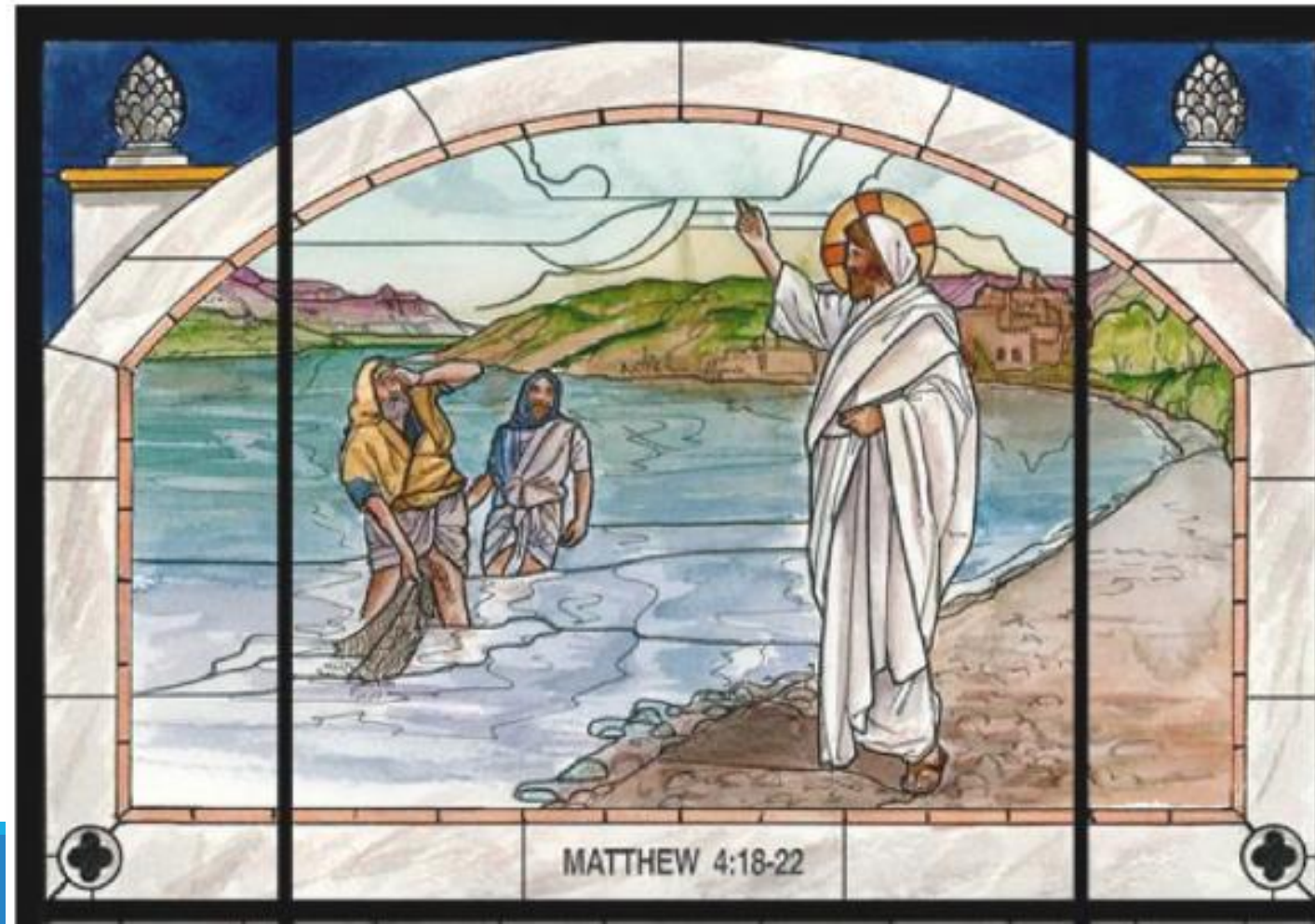
## The Thresholds of Conversion & Discipleship



# Encounter



- Fall Festival
- Date Night
- Lenten Meals
  - \* Amed from Tajikistan





# Restore

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The Way (RCIA) –  
29 fully initiated  
Catholics

\*Matthew G.



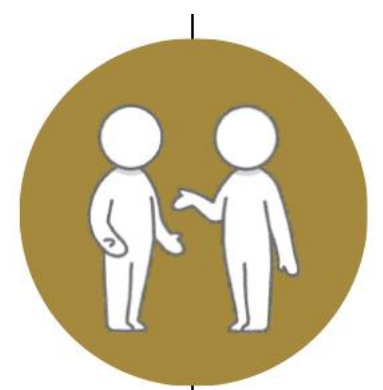
# Follow

- CCD 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> – 105
- St. Peter School K- 8 – 254  
(preschool 37)
- Adult Discipleship groups -20
- Called & Gifted  
\* Don



# Go Forth (Lk. 15)

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- 1. Lost Sheep – inactive Catholics; Reach One More**
  - 2021 –2022: 412 visits & 2024-2025: 438 visits
  - \* Mary at apartment
  
- 2. Lost Son – rebellious Catholics; St. Monica Ministry**
  - Adoration & penance for those who have left
  - \* Jim feeling betrayed
  
- 3. Lost Coin – unchurched; SENT Evangelization**
  - 2025-2026: 204 visits
  - All doors in parish boundaries knocked on by 2028

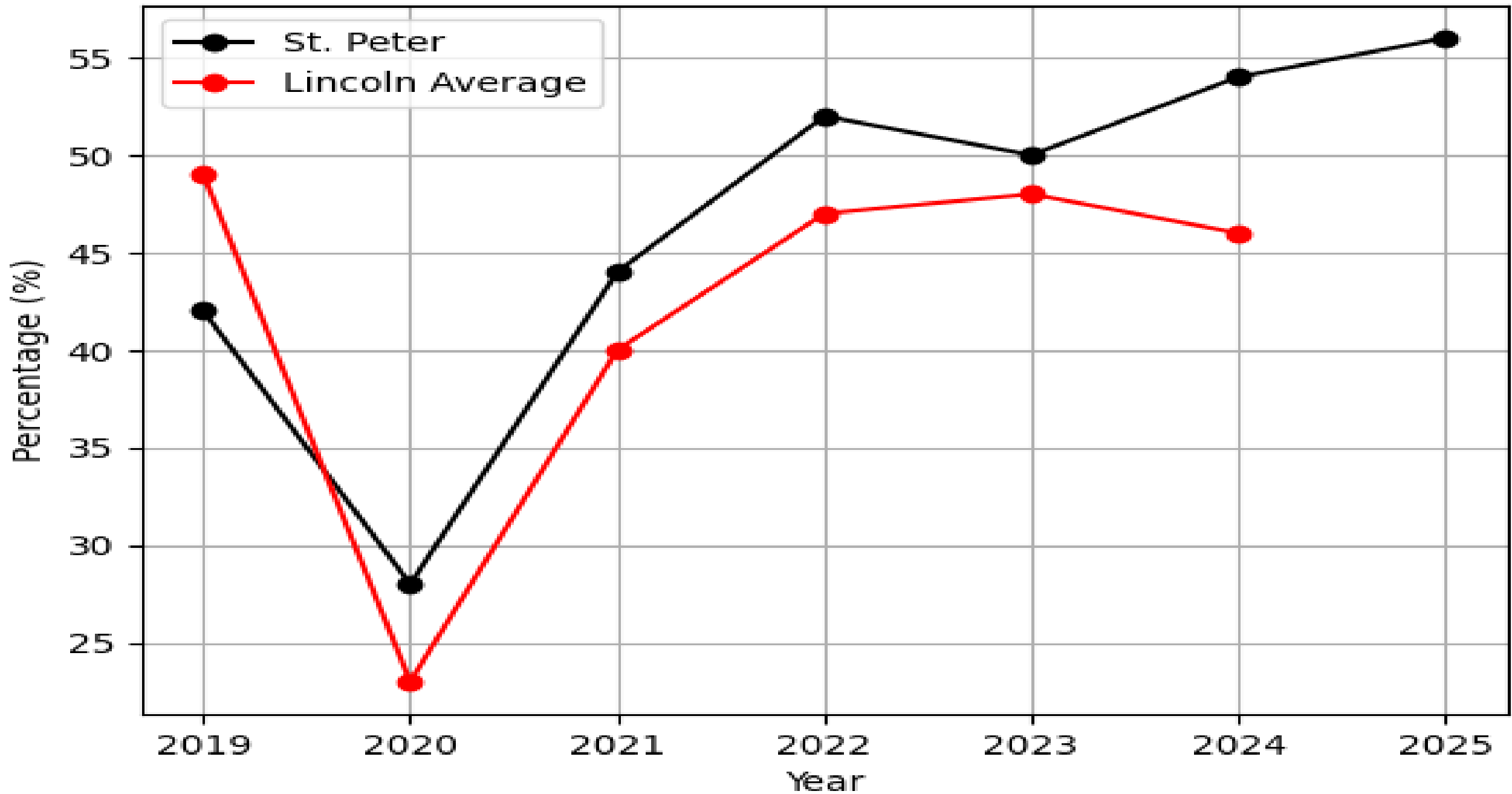
# Discipleship Results

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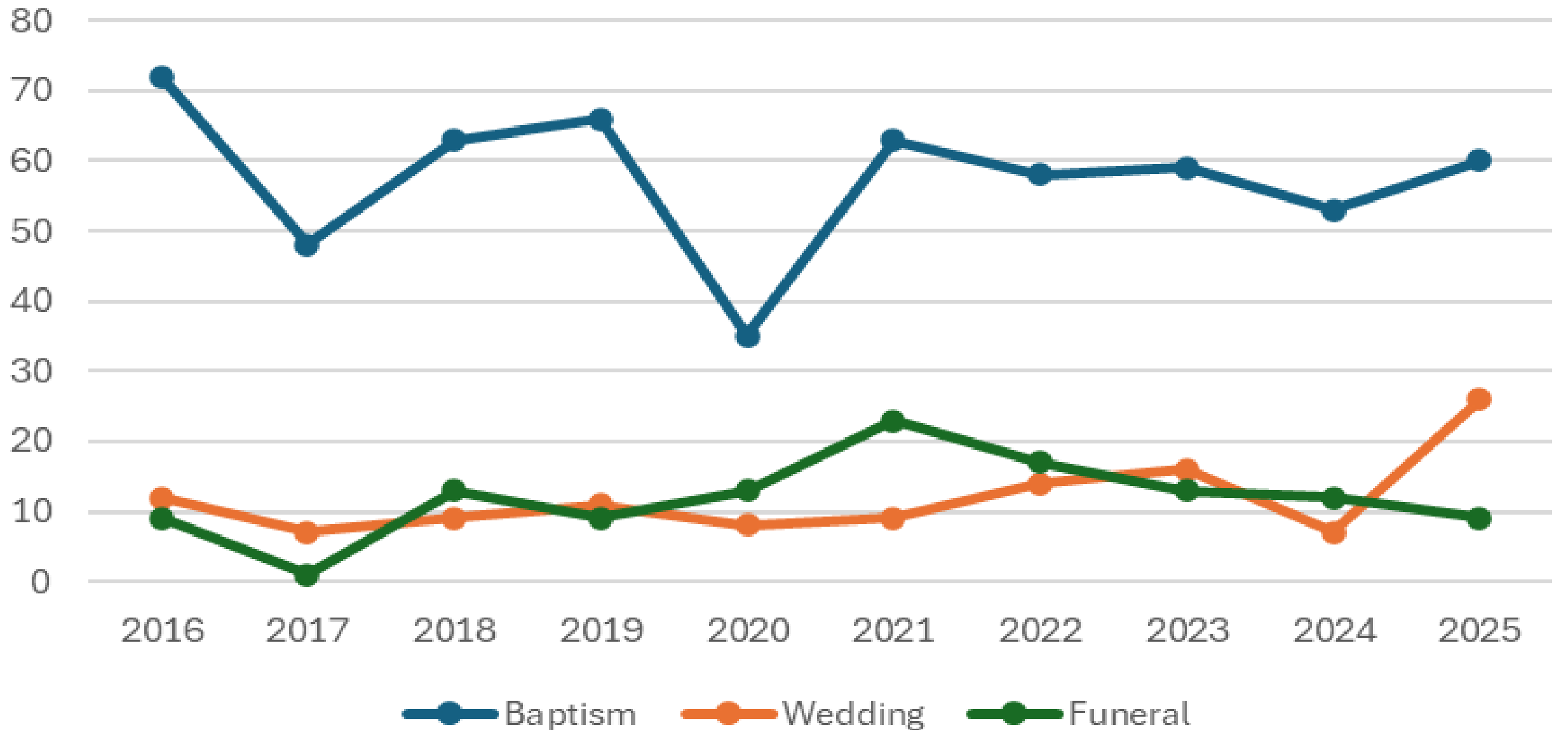
“You will know them by their fruit.” Matt. 7



# Sunday Mass Census



# Sacraments



# Perpetual adoration – 2024

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- 290 full time adorers
- 97 subs



# 2022 Parish Campaign Success!

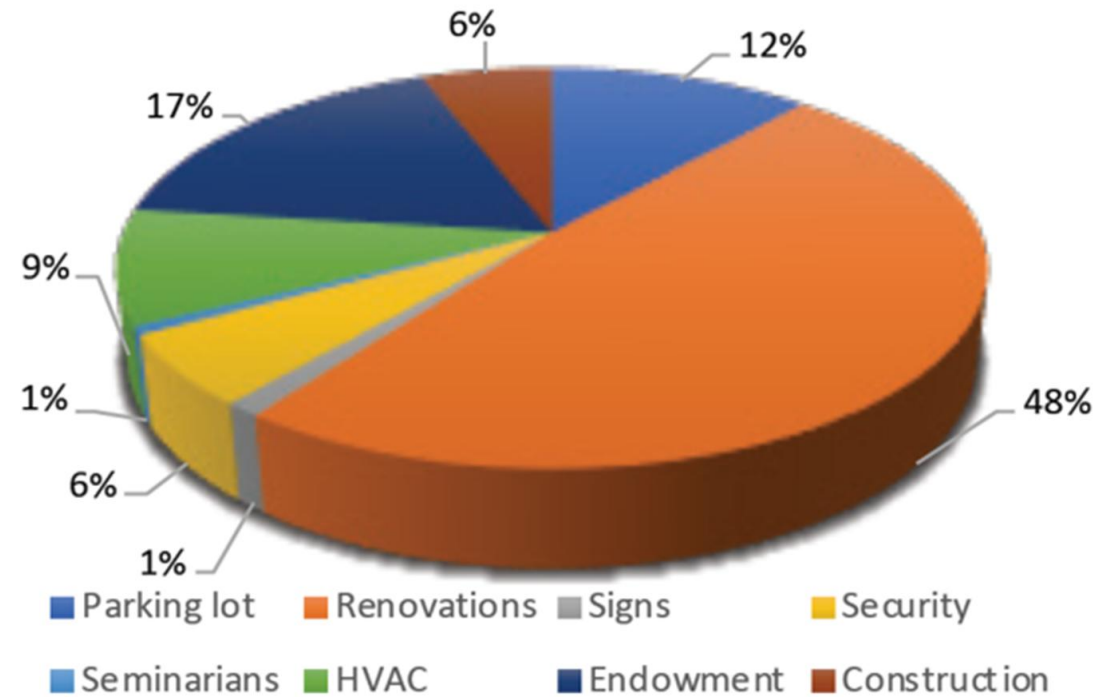
Goal: \$8,500,000

Total pledged: \$8.9 million

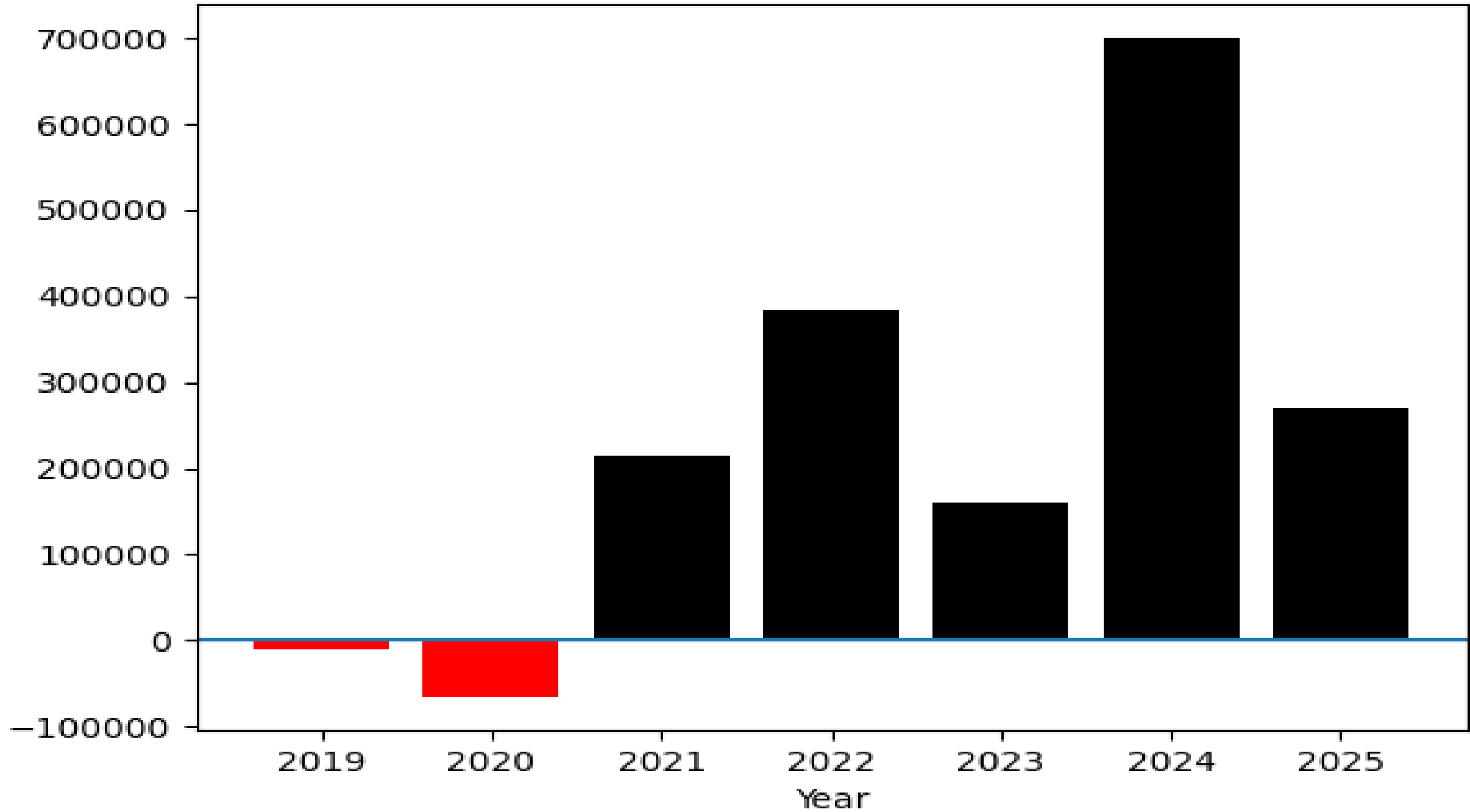
Collected to date: \$8.2 million

# of pledges: 546

Cashflow – we did not have to borrow \$ from the Diocese



# Net Income End of Year



# “ALL BE ONE”

John 17:21

- Unity of parish
- United to Trinity
- World may believe in Jesus



# Welcome new pastor - Fr. Chris Stoley

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From St Teresa – Lincoln

36 years old

Pius X Class of 2007

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

10 years ordained

Current pastor of Sacred Heart – Crete



## 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant priest – Fr. Paul Frank

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Currently at Sacred Heart, Lincoln

Former pastor in Red Cloud

64 years old

Ordained in 2004

# Assistant Principal – Katie O’Neal

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# Jr. High Literature and Religion - Brittany Kudron

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# Marriage Ministry – Anne Hubbell

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# Parish Advocate – John Kuchta

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