



**St. Paul's
Episcopal Church**
*Loving the Lord and
Our Neighbors*

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's mission is to share the love of the Lord with everyone through meaningful worship and prayer, education for all ages, service to others, and supportive relationships within our church family and community.

**Annual Parish Meeting
January 18, 2026
9:15 A.M.**

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St. Paul's New Core Values, Vision and Mission Statements

CORE VALUES

WE BELIEVE THAT:

Worship: St. Paul's deepens our connection with God through a rich (liturgical) worship tradition of scripture, prayer and music.

Fellowship: St. Paul's builds relationships that value, enrich and support one another.

Children and Families: St. Paul's nurtures children and youth and those who care for them in a loving relationship with God, in a safe-environment.

Inclusivity and Belonging: St. Paul's welcomes people from all walks of life and stages of their faith journey.

Outreach: St. Paul's is the hands and feet of Christ, supporting the community through service and prayer.

VISION

We welcome everyone to join us in loving the Lord and our neighbors.

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2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

- I.** Opening Prayer & Call to Order by the Rector
- II.** Assigning Meeting Secretary by the Rector: Joyce Davis
- III.** Acceptance of Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting
- IV.** Recognition of Outgoing Vestry: Arlene George, Ted Howden*, and Kevin Joyce (*Eligible for another term)
 - a. John Johnston has completed his term however the Diocese has approved an extension until the annual meeting in January 2027.
- V.** Election of New Vestry Members: Daren Belunek, Mary Brimer, Ted Howden
- VI.** Recognition of 2025 Council Delegates:
 - a. Clergy: Nancy Hauser
 - b. Lay: John Beck, John Johnston, Kris Larsen, and Kevin Sivils
- VII.** Recognition of Outgoing Junior Warden: Kevin Joyce
- VIII.** Recognition of Incoming Junior Warden: Daren Belunek
- IX.** Senior Warden's Report: John Johnston
- X.** Junior Warden's Report: Kevin Joyce
- XI.** Rector's Report: The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hauser
- XII.** Staff Reports
- XIII.** Committee / Commission and Program Reports
- XIV.** Financial Reports: Amy Hall (*printed summary included*)
- XV.** Old Business
- XVI.** New Business
 - a. Goals for upcoming year
 - b. Discussion, Questions or Feedback
- XVII.** Adjournment and Blessing

Bios for Vestry Candidates

Daren Belunek



I was born and raised in Houston, Texas. I was baptized, my wife and I were confirmed, and my son was baptized at All Saints Church in the Houston Heights. We moved to Katy in 2004 and raised our son and two daughters. Since 2007, I have worked for Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. on their fire safety systems and protocols. I currently serve and have previously served in various officer roles for local volunteer organizations. I first attended St. Paul's in 2023 and was received in 2025. I greatly enjoy the quiet of our eight o'clock service, the song of our ten-thirty service, the comfort of the Daily Office, the depths of the Psalms, and the other opportunities for fellowship in our community. The Vestry serves an important role at St. Paul's and I am happy to make myself available to serve.

Mary Brimer



I was born in a small town (800 people) in Kansas where I lived until graduating from high school. I became a registered nurse and worked for 49 years until retiring in 2018. I am divorced and the mother of two daughters. I love reading all kinds of books and learning new things. I grew up in the Congregational church in my hometown where I was a Sunday school teacher and active in the youth group. My spiritual journey was like many people – during my young adult years I went to church sporadically and questioned my beliefs. When my oldest daughter was young, I became a member of the Episcopal church - I loved the combination of the traditional liturgy and the fellowship of the church members. After I attended a Cursillo I made a true commitment to following Jesus. Since then, I have tried to be active in my church and in knowing Jesus on a personal level. I have served the church in many ways in my past including acolyting, reading, serving at the altar, prayer teams and vestry. At St. Paul's I currently participate in altar guild, Daughters of the King, The Gathering Place and the Search Committee. I have served on the vestry in the past at ST. Paul's and been a delegate to convention. I am pleased to run to serve on the vestry again during this time of transition. I look forward to seeing our church grow and serve our Lord through our work and ministries.

Ted Howden



Ted Howden is a lifelong Episcopalian and has been a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church since 2014. He and his wife, Patti, have been active participants in parish life and are deeply committed to the mission and future of the church. Ted and Patti have two children: their daughter, Emily, who is currently attending law school, and their son, Teddy, who is a senior in high school. Teddy has served the parish as an acolyte and has also assisted with running the video for Sunday services. Ted has previously served on the Vestry at St. Paul's and has also served on a diocesan committee. Following the departure of Father Chris, Ted served on the parish search committee. Most recently, he was asked to assume the remainder of a Vestry member's term when that individual was unable to complete it. In this time of transition within the church, Ted has been encouraged to continue serving and has agreed to stand for election for another term on the Vestry. Ted brings a steady commitment to faithful leadership, thoughtful stewardship, and collaboration, and looks forward to continuing to serve the parish community.

Sr. Warden's Report

During 2025, St. Paul's deepened our service and commitment to one another and to our community within and beyond the walls of our church. At the same time, we are navigating well and as planned through our Rector Transition. I'd like to spend a few minutes recapping our Transition work thus far:

Father Mark Retires

On April 20, 2025, Father Mark Wilkinson retired as St. Paul's Rector. We had a wonderful celebration with him here in the Parish Hall on that Sunday after Easter.

Behind the scenes, preparation and planning for our transition had already been underway for some time before Mark's official retirement.

Supply Priests, Prayer Services

Central to continuity of our parish, we scheduled supply priests through the summer with Rev. Dr. Nancy Hauser on most Sundays as well as Rev. Mary Wilson. Julia Peoples conducted Sunday Prayer Services. St. Paul's former Deacon, Rev. Gill Keyworth, led Sunday Prayer Services as well.

Rev. Dr. Nancy Hauser becomes St. Paul's Interim Rector

Rev. Nancy agreed to be our Interim Rector and received approval from the diocese. It became official in October. We are all so grateful to Rev. Nancy for her leadership, friendship, spiritual guidance and as an inspirational example going forward.

HolyCow

After applicable information was gathered and provided to the diocese (thank you, Jennifer!) the diocesan-directed HolyCow Parish Survey was launched and completed in June as a required foundational step our new rector search. Upon completion, parish leaders met with our designated HolyCow analyst to discuss results.

Parish Profile Committee

Concurrent with Holy Cow, our Profile Committee was selected and formed. Members of the Committee are Carolyn White, Mary Wilson and Rachel Adcock. A video for our Profile featuring parish member interviews was produced by John Ahrens and coordinated through Joyce Davis. Jennifer Kuhn played a vital role in organizing and illustrating the final form of the written document. The Parish Profile is a central tool for the diocese in recruitment of a new rector and is often reviewed by potential rector candidates. It is available to all on St. Paul's website as well as on the EDOT site.

Search Committee

Members of St. Paul's Search Committee are Mary Brimer, Joyce Davis, Ann Harris, Craig Henderson, Rob Schindler, Andrea Smith, and Val Wimbish.

All interested parishioners were encouraged to consider Search Committee service (as well as to speak with others whom they thought might be interested) and to complete a ballot form either electronically or via hard copy. Open nominations were announced to the parish and were available for three weeks. At the conclusion of the nomination period, your vestry voted and Committee selection results were reported in August.

Search Committee service involves an extended and dedicated commitment to their work including meetings, travel, interviewing skills, analysis and final candidate recommendation to the Vestry. Also essential is their agreement to maintain necessary confidentiality throughout the search process. The Search Committee will periodically provide general updates (but not specifics) to our congregation. All work is performed under the auspices of the EDOT Canon for Transition Ministry, Rev. Kellaura Johnson.

St. Paul's Parish Life Continues to Thrive...

As we progress through our transition, parish life continues and thrives.

Brittany Taylor accepted the position of St. Paul's Music Director in September after our former Director, Dr. Jason Oby, retired.

Ministries and volunteer teams continue their vital work. A few examples are:

Family Formation, Food Drive, Coat Drive, Choir, Gathering Place (celebrating 10 years at St. Paul's in June 2025), Katy Christian Ministries (just starting), Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Neighborhood Garden, St. Lydia's Guild, Acolytes, Lectors, Hospitality, Vacation Bible School and many others.

By building on our faith, prayer and joyful service, and by our commitment to one another within and beyond the walls of St. Paul's, we look forward to 2026 and beyond.

Finally, thank you for the privilege to continue to serve St. Paul's as your Senior Warden.

Thank you,
John Johnston
Senior Warden

--Submitted by John Johnston, Sr. Warden

Jr. Warden's Report

I would like to acknowledge the continued help and contributions of those who helped me in third and final year as Jr. Warden. I would like to thank the many who offered their time, talents and money. I would like to thank personally Pat Gorman(before moving to OK), Ted Howden, Daren Bulunek, Iris Poteet, all those that participated in the Fall Fair and thank all the volunteers who helped with planning, early morning setup, activities, parking and afternoon cleanup.

Here are the major events of 2025:

January 2025

- AC unit compressor on the vesting side (right) of the church was replaced and is not functioning.
- Winterized church in anticipation of very cold weather (Thanks to Pat Gorman and Ted Howden)

February 2025

- Wednesday 2-19-25: We turned off the water in the church and education/parish hall in anticipation of very cold weather as a precaution.

March 2025

- Conference room ceiling light panels have been replaced.

- New conference room table and chairs setup (Donated by St. Martins)
- Parish hall roof sustained damage due to high winds (Ted Howden completed repairs multiple areas on the roof)

May 2025

- The nave side A/C has been repaired, a wire between the air handler and the thermostat was frayed (rodent or age seems to be possible culprits).
- Treated the lawn around the playground and sidewalk to the parking lot prior to Easter egg hunt on Saturday (of course it rained before the hunt so the hunt was inside)

June 2025

- Fire Inspection by the City of Katy was performed on 5/12. We passed with only 2 suggested items. Recommended that fire extinguishers be recharged and replace battery on lighted exit sign from Church building to Education Building/Parish Hall (battery has been replaced).
- Lock box purchased to hold extra set of keys (It is hanging on door to Education Building/Parish Hall from the church building).
- Parking Lot electrical outlet on Garden side Light Post has been fixed (Daren & Milan Belunek).
- Doorbell camera by Parish Hall double doors(for Jennifer's security after Father Mark retired) and exterior motion camera by the Parish Hall A/C unit.

July 2025

- Men's toilet in Narthex and drains repaired.

August 2025

- Pye-Barker submitted fire alarm proposal of \$26,450. This includes everything for the alarm except the 120VAC needed by a licensed electrical contractor. Additionally an estimate of roughly \$185,000 for two fire sprinkler systems.
- Fire system and extinguishers were inspected by Firetron and everything passed.
- A/C's in parish hall and church offices failed sometime on Tuesday (8-12-25) after the power outage (parish hall a/c only required a reset, the office system is still down waiting on a part).

September 2025

- Church office A/C has been repaired.
- Firesafe quote for monitoring church building bid came in at \$59,761 more than twice the amount Pye-Barker bid at \$26,450.
- Iris Poteet sent suggestions for Sept 27th cleanup prior to the Fall Fair.

October 2025

- Grounds cleanup was completed September 27th, thanks to a dedicated crew for getting most of Iris's to do list done.
- Fall Festival October 4th, thanks to all volunteers for setup, running the show and tear down.
- Old ice machine has been removed, Thanks Ted.
- New ice machine ordered and delivered

November 2025

- Parking Lot Light Post Anchor bolts have all been inspected & one cover was replaced.

- Fence gates latches repaired: Fences between Church and Parish Hall/Education building on front and back.
- Fence between Church and Parish Hall/Education building sustained some wind damage to 3 posts and that has been repaired.
- New Ice machine installed.
- Women's bathroom flush valve fixed.

December 2025

- Youth room insulation re-secured to the ceiling.

--Submitted by Kevin Joyce, Outgoing Jr. Warden

Annual Report to the Parish from the Interim Rector

January 2026

Rector's Report

In April 2025, shortly after Father Mark retired, I began serving as a Sunday Supply Priest at St. Paul's until October, when I began serving as a part-time interim. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve at St. Paul's and look forward to continuing for a few more months until a permanent rector is found.

Members at St. Paul's have truly demonstrated their dedication to this community through their hard work and commitment. I will not try to name each ministry because no doubt I will leave someone out, but thank you, everyone, for your dedicated and diligent efforts in serving our faith community and the wider community. Your participation and presence make a difference in our church.

According to the Holy Cow survey, Education was the topic people in this congregation wanted most. In the coming year we are working on two new initiatives: refreshing the church library and beginning some new classes. We welcome any suggestions you may have.

Another topic mentioned in the survey was attracting new members. We will be instituting a program to invite, welcome and connect new members with existing ministries where they can share their skills and talents.

Finally, the vestry is organizing into committees to oversee the main areas of "church work." These areas include: Stewardship, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care and Service or Mission (also known as outreach). This is an effort to change the perception of this church from "clergy-centric" (where the clergy does everything) to "lay-led" (where the members take appropriate responsibility for ministry).

This is an exciting time for this faith community, and I look forward to working with you in the next few months.

Blessings, peace and good health be with you in the new year!

Nancy+

--Submitted by Rev. Dr. Nancy Hauser

Staff Reports

Family Formation Coordinator Report

Our Family Formation continues to thrive as we meet weekly for Sunday school and Children's Chapel. Each Sunday, children gather for Godly Play curriculum from 9:30 - 10:15 in classroom 1. Throughout the Fall, we studied the stories of the Old Testament. This spring, we begin a study of the life of Jesus and the parables. During the 10:30 service, Children's Chapel takes place during the sermon in the Children's Chapel room.

In June of 2025, we had a great week at Vacation Bible School. Our program was "Start the Party" VBS and included 24 elementary aged children and 12 youth and adult volunteers. Children spent a fun week learning about the Bible through stories, crafts, games and snacks. Our focus was building faith, deepening friendships, and creating new relationships with Jesus Christ as our Lord and center.

During Lent of 2025, 14 of our children and youth participated in Communion Education class during the Sunday school hour. We met for 4 class sessions and recognized our newest class of communion education graduates on Palm Sunday. The communion ed students enjoyed baking communion bread to share with the congregation during communion.

--*Julia Peoples, Family Formation Coordinator*

Music Director Report

The Music Ministry at St. Paul travailed during 2025 even through the transition in musical leadership. Our faithful few members Amy Hall, Kelley Scott, Victoria Makurdi, Kate Berger have worked hard to worship and serve in our church choir. We even have our staff singer, Elliot Sam as additional help.

While we acknowledge our current success, we would benefit from the inclusion of more members or even an additional scholarship singer. This would allow us to sing anthems and other selections that include harmony, which we are not quite feasible to present with our current configuration.

We concluded the year with an unforgettable Christmas Eve service filled with additional singers and instrumentalist. This included a string quartet and semi-professional/professional vocalist and our very own choir members. We performed traditional Christmas songs and hymns to compliment the service rendered.

Expenditures were minimized through the year to maintain fiscal responsibility. Looking ahead, priorities included continued choir development, thoughtful expansion of repertoire, continued encouragement of congregational singing and preparation for upcoming liturgical seasons and special services.

I am filled with gratitude from all of the support that I've received from leadership as well as the congregation. Together, we remain committed to fostering a vibrant music ministry that uplifts worship and strengthens our community.

--*Brittany M. Taylor, Music Director*

Committee / Commission and Program Reports

Altar Guild

The state of the altar guild is good! Each of our 4 teams meet once a month to prepare our sacred space for Sunday worship. We fill candles with oil, change the hymn board, drape the chalice, mark the readings, tidy the sanctuary, and we always have a great time doing it. If you see a beautifully polished chalice, be sure to thank one of the 10 guilders. While we are 10 strong, we could always use more members. The time commitment is small - only about 45 minutes once a month. I'd love to talk to anyone interested in helping to "wash the sacred dishes."

--Rachel Adcock, Altar Guild

Fellowship Committee

The St. Paul's Fellowship Committee is a working subcommittee of the Vestry that coordinates with the Rector, staff and the Vestry. The committee implements parish wide events for all the congregation to enjoy.

What do we do? Our committee oversees coordinating the social fellowship events that the church puts on. The list of events that are being planned for the 2026 year are as follows:

Annual Meeting-January
Bishop Visit-January
Pancake Supper- February
Fifth Sunday-March
Easter Egg Hunt-April

Parish Picnic and Fifth Sunday-June
Fifth Sunday-August
St. Paul's Birthday/Back to School-September
Fifth Sunday-November
Christmas Dinner- December

--Stacie Perez, Fellowship Committee Chair

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a subcommittee of the vestry that seeks to serve as part of the checks and balance regarding financial matters, make budgetary recommendations, and coordinate annual audit. Members include Rev. Dr. Nancy Hauser, Amy Hall (Treasurer), Bruce McKee (Vestry), and John Johnston (Sr. Warden). The finance committee meets monthly via Zoom to review the financials. If you're interested in joining the finance committee, please let the office know.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Commission is a subcommittee of the Vestry that seeks to coordinate the parish's efforts in serving as the hands and feet of Christ in the world by organizing a variety of opportunities that engage the members of St. Paul's in the community. The members of the commission are Joyce Davis and Tracy Meyer (co-chairs), Barry Smith, and John Johnston. 2025 was another successful year of "Loving Our Lord and Our Neighbors" by taking every opportunity to help inside and outside our church. At the end of the year, leftover outreach budget funds were dispersed to The Gathering Place, Katy Christian Ministries, Christ Clinic, The Beacon and The Neighborhood Garden Project. St. Paul's looks for opportunities to help those outside our walls by opening our hearts, doors and pocketbooks to the following outreach opportunities:

2025-Outreach: Collections

- School supplies to Hutsell and Katy Elementaries -44 grade level kits as requested by the school's counselors.
- Coats for Christmas: 87 coats to Hutsell and Katy Elementaries with a multitude of hats and gloves. Both schools are most appreciative of our donation.

Outside St. Paul's Doors

Several volunteers participated in the following:

- The Beacon: On the fourth Thursday of the month a group volunteers at the Beacon serving lunch to a homeless community.
- LOTS (Lord of the Streets) several people went to Lord of the Streets during 2025 to serve breakfast to a homeless community.

New 2026 Volunteer Opportunity:

The Outreach Committee realized a need for volunteers in our own community. They decided not go to the Beacon in 2026 but to volunteer at Katy Christian Ministries in the food pantry. We will be going on the 4th Thursday of the month to keep the same Beacon schedule. If you are interested in volunteering with us please let Tracy Meyer or Joyce Davis know.

- The following groups use our building for their meetings:

<i>ToastMasters</i>	<i>Greater Katy Area Women's Club</i>
<i>Girl Scouts of America</i>	<i>Boy Scouts of America</i>
<i>Young Men's Service League</i>	<i>The Neighborhood Garden Project</i>
<i>High School in the USA</i>	<i>Old Katy Toastmasters</i>
<i>City of Katy Outreach- Senior Center</i>	<i>Harris County Public Library</i>

Every fall we have the Fall Festival that brings those in the community to our campus.

--Joyce Davis and Tracy Meyers, Outreach Committee Co-Chairs

Property Committee

The Property Committee is a subcommittee of the vestry that seeks to assist the Jr. Warden by ensuring general maintenance of the facilities, monitor facility needs, organize clean-up days, and make recommendations for future improvements.

Details on activity for 2025 by the Property Committee can be found under the Jr. Warden's report above.

--Kevin Joyce, Outgoing Jr. Warden

St. Lydia's Guild

St. Lydia's Guild are the helpers behind the scenes. We complete various administrative duties including preparing materials for children's programs, compiling mailings, and folding the Sunday bulletins and announcements. We have a few faithful attendees but are always looking to add more. If you are available on Thursday mornings to join in the work and fellowship, then please come join the group in the Conference Room at 10am. The First Thursday of the month, we meet at 1pm after The Gathering Place wraps up.

--Jennifer Kuhn, Parish Administrator

Video Ministry

Our video ministry has been going strong now for over five years. Our web and social media presence is essential to successful evangelism. Our livestreams on Facebook are our most effective evangelism tool. Almost every person who walks in our door for the first time has already watched our services on Facebook and visited our website. I am grateful for our video ministry and their faithful work. I would like to have a few more people trained to do this work. If you are interested in working the video feed, let me know and I will sit with you to make sure you are confident with the equipment. This video ministry has also allowed people to attend funerals, watch baptisms and be part of our family even from a great distance.

--Stacie Perez, *Video Ministry Committee Chair*

Financial Report

Revenue:

Our Total Operating Revenue for 2025 was \$361,439 vs. \$352,239 in 2024. The \$361,439 is under our anticipated revenue budget by \$5,282. Total pledge revenue ended the year \$8,189 below what was anticipated. However, a couple of anticipated donations reduced that difference to \$5,282. Unfortunately, we did complete the year with several pledges unpaid or short in the amount of \$26,214.90.

Operating Expenses

- Staff Compensation – We ended the year \$73,515 under budget for Staff salaries, largely due to Rector Mark retiring, months of having supply priests and hiring Rev. Nancy as interim.
- Buildings & Grounds and Utilities – We were \$4,284 over budget in 2025 due to 6 months of mowing the property added to the expenses (total of \$5,996) and will be a new budget line in 2026. Even with rising energy costs and water usage, we remained \$2,729 under budget for the year for utilities.
- Office Expenses – expenses were only \$558 over budget due to increased costs in internet/phone/website fees. Checks (approximately 3 year's worth) were also ordered.
- Commercial Insurance – even with increased costs across all policies these days, we stayed under budget but will continue to increase budget annually due to the rises. The policy increased by \$3,677 this past renewal. As I'm sure you've seen in your own policies, the cost is continuing to skyrocket. We will be renewing our policy in August and will do our due diligence in finding the best plan/price possible.
- Formation and VBS – 2025 saw the return of the 4-day VBS rather than the 1-day in 2024, which resulting in costs going over budget.
- Parish Activities – Total expenditures for all areas of activity was \$2,229 over budget last year. Increases in costs of coffee, paper products, additional Parish-wide events and the addition of the Rector Search expenses were the result of the overage.
- Diocesan Assessment/Council and Insurance – The Diocese Assessment Fees will again decrease by \$1,108 for 2026.
- EGiving Fees – Once again, thank you to all who have covered their EGiving credit card fees. Actual costs for 2025 were \$2,757 and parishioners covered \$1,061 of those fees. There were

816 transactions through EGiving totaling \$68,690.34! If you are unsure how to do this, please contact Jennifer in the office.

Overall, our 2025 Operating Expenses totaled \$327,164, vs \$374,493 in 2024. This was \$57,788 under the total that was budgeted. We ended the year with a Net Operating Gain of \$34,275. This was a \$62,876 increase from the deficit of \$28,601 reported at the end of 2024, and far under the \$18,231 deficit we anticipated at the time the 2025 budget was prepared. Thank you for your faithful stewardship in 2025!! As we begin 2026, we are missing 9 pledges of those who pledged in 2025 but have not turned in a pledge card. It's not too late! Please see Jennifer for a blank pledge card today.

--Amy Hall, Treasurer and The Finance Committee

2025 Financials

Revenue	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget
Current Year Contributions	\$318,272.10	\$326,462.00
Loose Plate Offerings	\$7,247.00	\$7,400.00
Fundraiser Income	\$1,660.00	\$2,000.00
Other Income	\$832.11	\$3,200.00
Interest Income	\$223.70	\$560.00
Altar Flowers	\$2,920.00	\$4,500.00
Children/Youth Events	\$618.54	\$600.00
Donations	\$8,217.16	\$0.00
Special Donations	\$21,448.95	\$22,000.00
Total Revenue	\$361,439.56	\$366,722.00
Expenses	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget
Staff Compensation	\$165,895.96	\$224,683.00
Staff Benefits	\$11,261.73	\$25,990.00
Building & Grounds	\$17,303.62	\$10,290.00
Utilities	\$22,720.92	\$25,450.00
Office Expenses	\$13,508.43	\$12,950.00
Commercial Insurance	\$37,361.42	\$37,500.00
Christian Formation - Adults	\$100.00	\$250.00
Youth Programming	\$252.04	\$250.00
Children's Programming	\$1,504.29	\$1,500.00
Vacation Bible School	\$1,755.00	\$800.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$100.00
Outreach Ministry	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Liturgy	\$5,123.51	\$5,300.00
Music	\$879.89	\$875.00
Planned Events	\$1,581.44	\$1,200.00
Festivals/Fundraisers	\$1,611.55	\$1,500.00
Sunday Hospitality	\$1,855.95	\$1,650.00
Rector Search	\$990.88	\$0.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$25,765.00	\$25,765.00
Diocesan Council	\$2,205.12	\$2,200.00
Discretionary Funding	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Donations	\$8,217.16	\$0.00
Banking and EGiving Fees	\$2,070.50	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$327,164.41	\$384,953.00
Totals	2025 Actuals	2025 Budget
Total Revenue	\$361,439.56	\$366,722.00
Total Expenses	\$327,164.41	\$384,953.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$34,275.15	(\$18,231.00)

WAYS TO DONATE TO ST. PAUL'S

There are several ways to make a donation to St. Paul's. You can drop your check or cash in the plate on Sunday mornings. Many people pay by having an automatic payment sent from their checking account to the church monthly.

CONVENIENT ONLINE GIVING

If you're not able to easily drop your pledge payment in the plate on Sundays, St. Paul's would love for you to utilize online giving. Please check with your bank and see if your account includes free Online Bill Pay or Online Checks. If so, you can easily send a check through your bank at no cost to you, nor St. Paul's, and checks can be set up as a one-time or reoccurring payment. This is safe for your identity as your routing and account numbers are not included on your check. Another way to give online is using EGiving (<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/stpaulskaty>). You can set up payment via bank account or credit card. However, EGiving is not free for St. Paul's as we incur EFT or credit card fees for each transaction. You can help out St. Paul's by selecting the box to cover fees associated with your payment. If you currently have a reoccurring payment with EGiving and would like to help cover fees, you must cancel the reoccurring payment and create a new reoccurring payment where you will be able to check the box.

IRA DONATION

If you are over 70 you can make a donation directly from your IRA. Simple tell your broker or IRA fund manager to make the disbursement payable to St. Paul's and have the check sent to the church. Please be sure to let the office know to look for the check since it will have the fund name on it and not necessarily your name. Please consult your tax accountant about the details of this type of gift.

STOCK DONATIONS

You may also donate appreciated stock directly to St. Paul's and this may save you capital gains taxes. (Please consult your tax specialist). The donations are made through LPL Financial within Amegy Bank. LPL Financial. Bryce Holley can be contacted via phone (435-792-1216) or email bryce.holley@lpl.com to get details on setting up the stock transfer. Please reference: DTC 0075 / Account No. 68680049 / Broker – LPL Financial.

MAXIMIZING DEDUCTIONS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

One way of making donations that help some people is to double up on donations one year so that you can reach a level above the standard deduction. We then take the extra years donation and mark it as prepaid. For example, one member paid their full pledge in January. That money goes into a pre-paid pledge fund that is then spent at a rate of 1/12th every month. They then paid all of the following year's pledge at the end of December (using a stock gift). This was recorded on the same annual giving statement, but the money is placed in the next year's budget as a pre-paid pledge. This member then was able to itemize in a single year and will take the standard deduction the following year. Whether this would work for you is a question for your tax person or financial advisor. Some financial services have some very interesting ways to accomplish this.