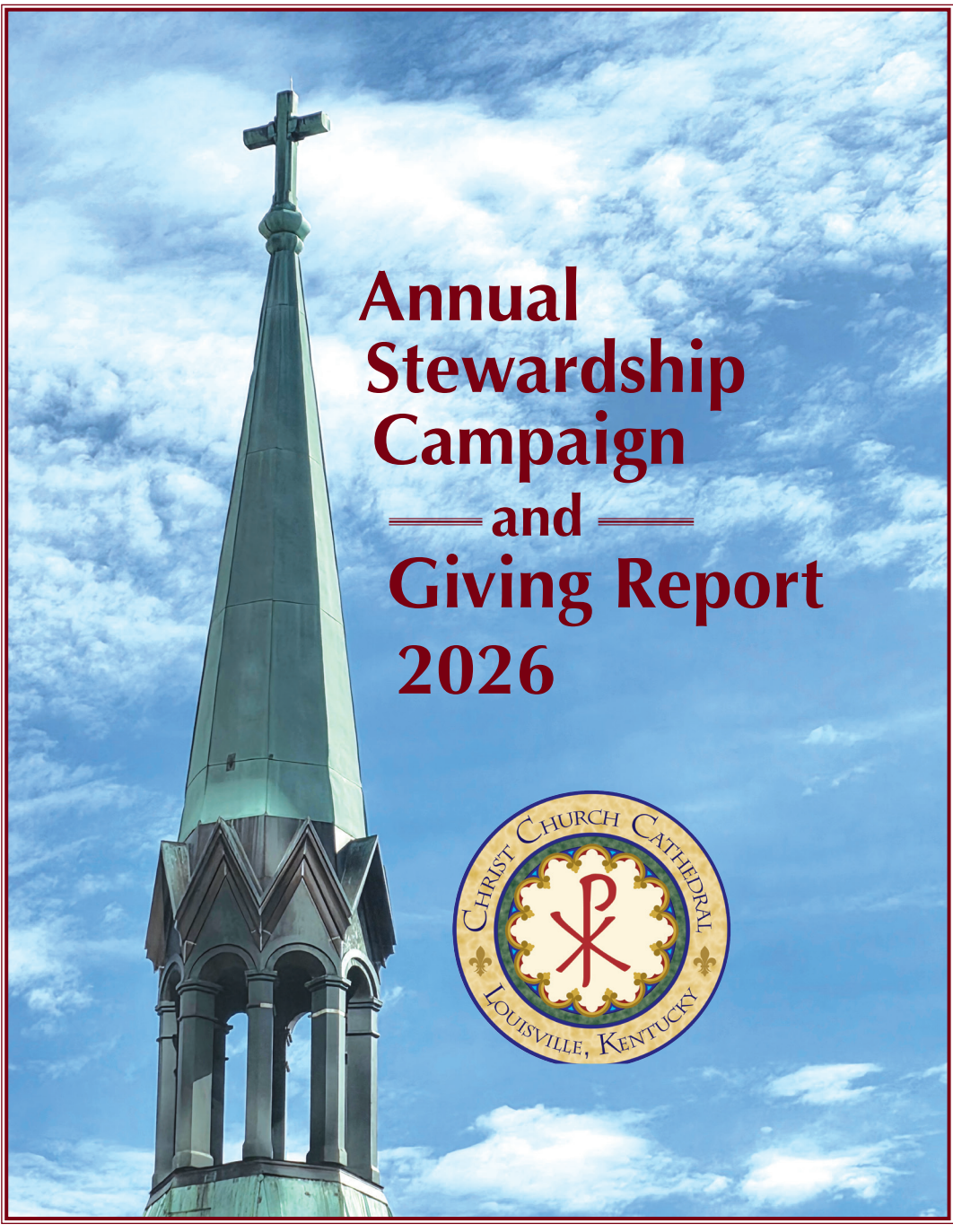




Annual Stewardship Campaign — and — Giving Report 2026



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*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*

Hebrews 13:16

Dear Friends in Christ.

Let me begin by saying thank you. Thank you for your support of our Cathedral's capital campaign. Whether you made a pledge, volunteered, offered your input, or supported us with your prayers, your contributions have moved us toward our goal of repairing our historic house of worship. The work being funded by the capital campaign will ensure our congregation remains an outpost of Christ's love for the world in downtown Louisville.

In thanksgiving for the investments you have made in the future of our Cathedral's ministry and anticipating all God will do within and through our congregation, we now embark on our annual stewardship campaign – "Here for good." Our theme serves as an expression of gratitude for all you have done and given in support of our capital campaign and our trust that, blessing what you have offered, God will ensure that our Cathedral remains here for good.

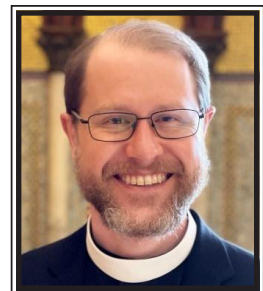
Our theme also reminds us of all the good which is being done here by our Cathedral parish and funded by our annual operating budget, both for those who are members of the congregation and for the community around us. Together, we sing God's praises week by week. Transformed by God through prayer and Sacrament, we go out to love and serve our neighbors through ministries of shelter, caring visits to the sick and

imprisoned, and welcoming those new to our fellowship with the assurance that they are loved and cherished as a child of God, just as they are.

As was the case with our capital campaign, the gifts you offer in support of our annual will take different forms. I hope everyone will join me in prayerfully considering making a pledge of financial support for our congregation's 2027 budget. You can also contribute to advancing the mission of our congregation - embodying Christ, serving our neighbors, and sharing in the power of God's unconditional love – by taking part in one or more of the ministries of worship, service, and fellowship which we offer. And all these gifts need our prayers to flourish in service of God's purpose for us.

God has placed this Cathedral here for the good works Christ has given and continues to give us to do. However you choose to support our annual stewardship campaign, whether by giving, serving, or praying, your gifts will ensure we are ready to answer God's call in the year to come. Thank you in advance for your support.

*With gratitude,
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Revenue Breakdown 2026



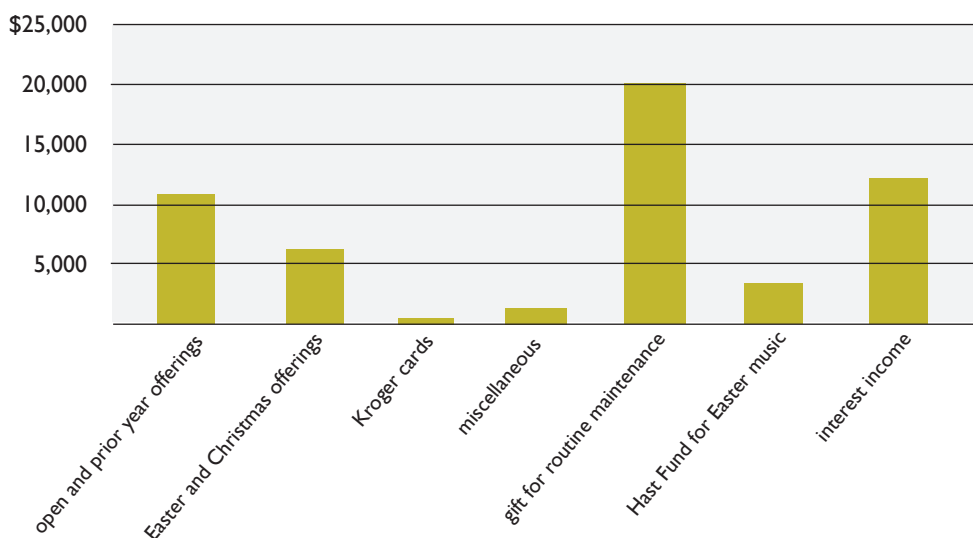
\$760,385

pledging givers		316,419
non-pledging givers		35,000
rental income		98,467
endowment corporation		123,837
forward fund grant		98,000
designated gifts & other income		54,170
designated from reserves		34,492

revenues, designated gifts & other income

Our members and visitors sometimes make gifts in support of a specific aspect of our ministry such as music, altar flowers, or the generous gift we received in 2026 for routine maintenance.

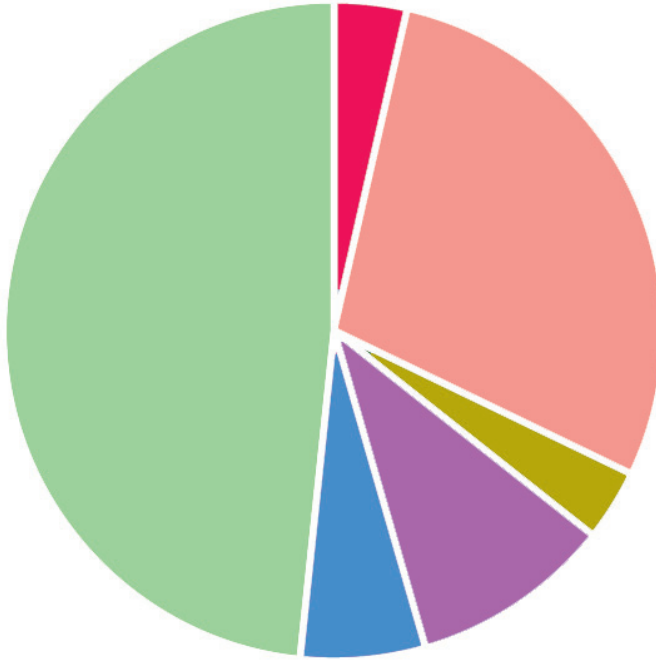
The "Kroger Cards" income item is generated through one of the grocery store's charitable giving programs. When shoppers login to their Kroger account, they can designate Christ Church Cathedral as their charity of choice. Our congregation receives funds when those shoppers make purchases. Please consider designating the Cathedral as your charity at Kroger.com today.



forward fund grant

This year we have added a new category to our revenue breakdown: a Forward Fund grant. The Forward Fund, administered by the Diocese of Kentucky, provides grants to congregations which fund innovative ministries. The Cathedral applied for and received a capacity building grant from the Forward Fund to hire Fr. Charles Myers to serve as Associate Dean and Missioner for Outreach and Evangelism. The grant fully funds his salary and benefits for two years, beginning December 2025. After the first two years, the Cathedral will pick up 20% of this expense per year for the next three years, becoming responsible for the full cost of the position at the end of the grant period.

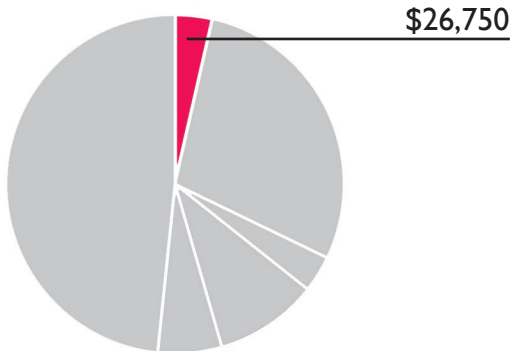
Expense Breakdown 2026



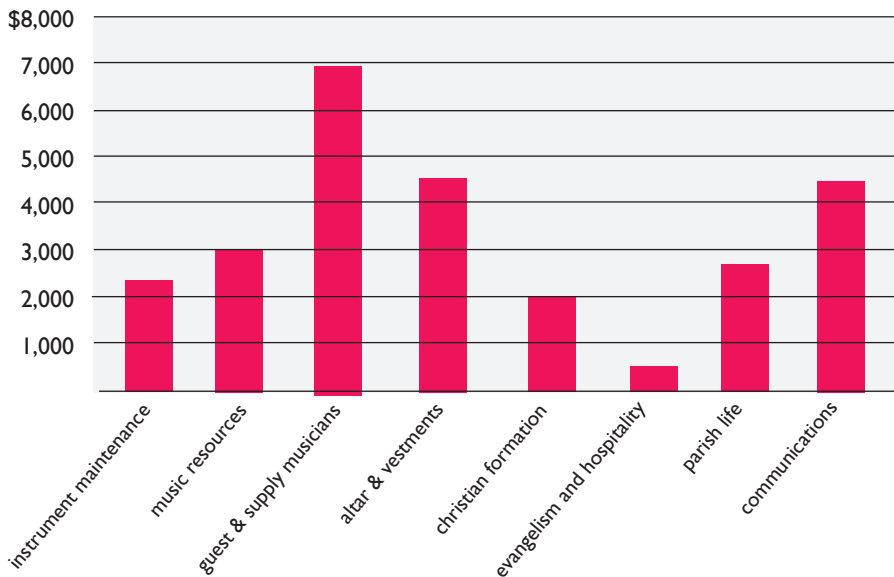
\$748,624

worship and congregational life	26,750
outreach	73,863
insurance and fees	45,871
office and administration	26,200
building and grounds	213,971
personnel	361,969

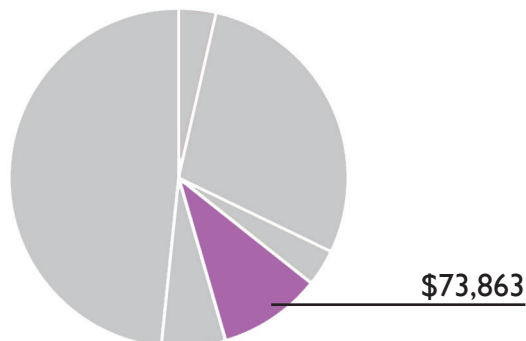
worship and congregational life



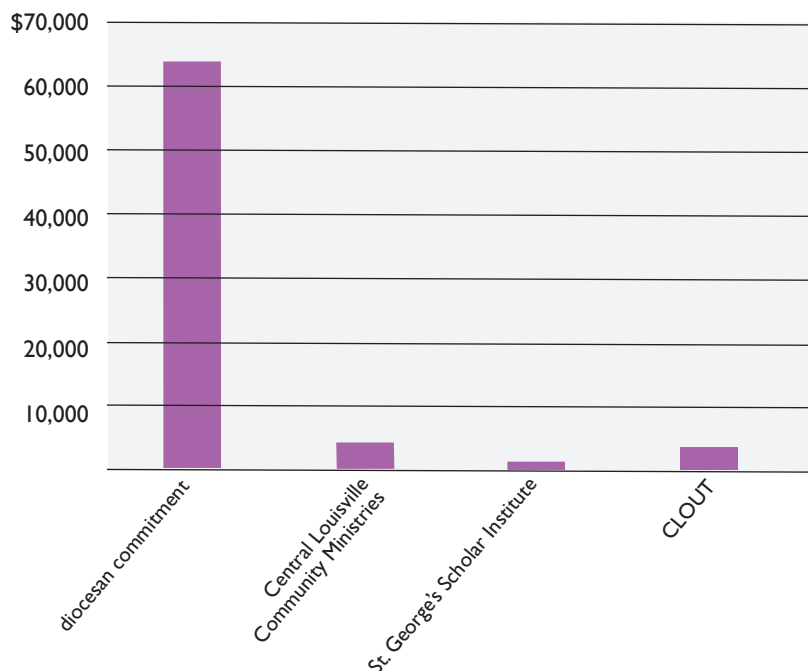
This portion of our budget provides the resources we need to conduct our Sunday services and gather in fellowship with one another. Under the leadership of Austin Echols, our music ministry has brought in guest musicians to use their gifts in worship of God on special occasions, such as evensongs and our new service for the feast of St. Mary the Virgin. Our Christian Formation offerings have also grown with the launch of weekly Godly Play classes coordinated by the Rev. Whit Stoghill and Rob Guillen.



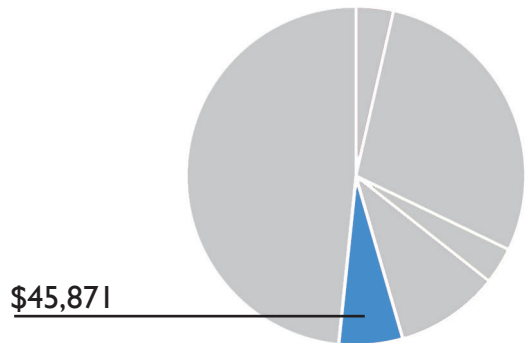
outreach



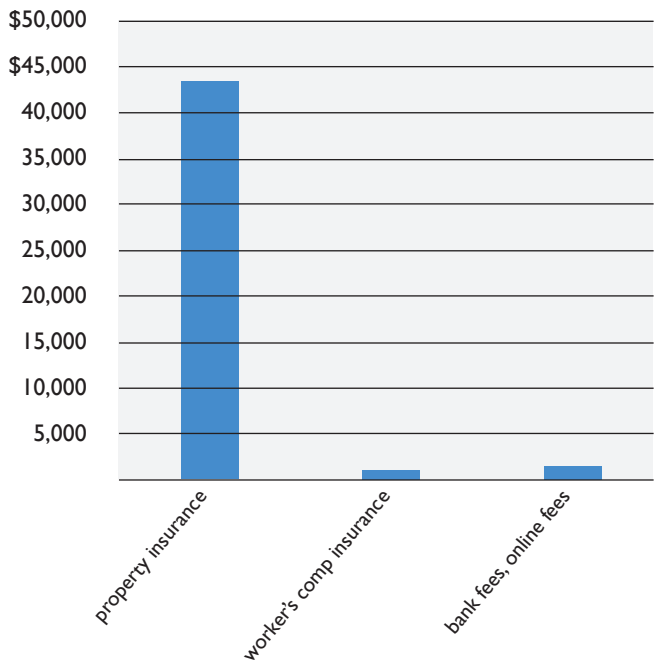
This portion of our budget provides funds for ministry done in our Diocese and community. We gave a total of \$64,021 in support of the diocesan budget, which goes to support staff positions, the Urban Partnership, and All Saints Center, among other ministries. The Chapter has been asked to consider an increase in our budget support of Central Louisville Community Ministries in 2027 due to increased need in our service area



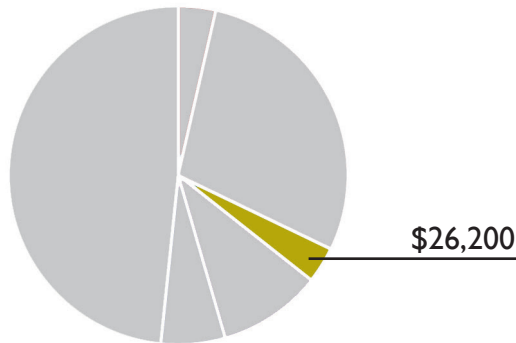
insurance and fees



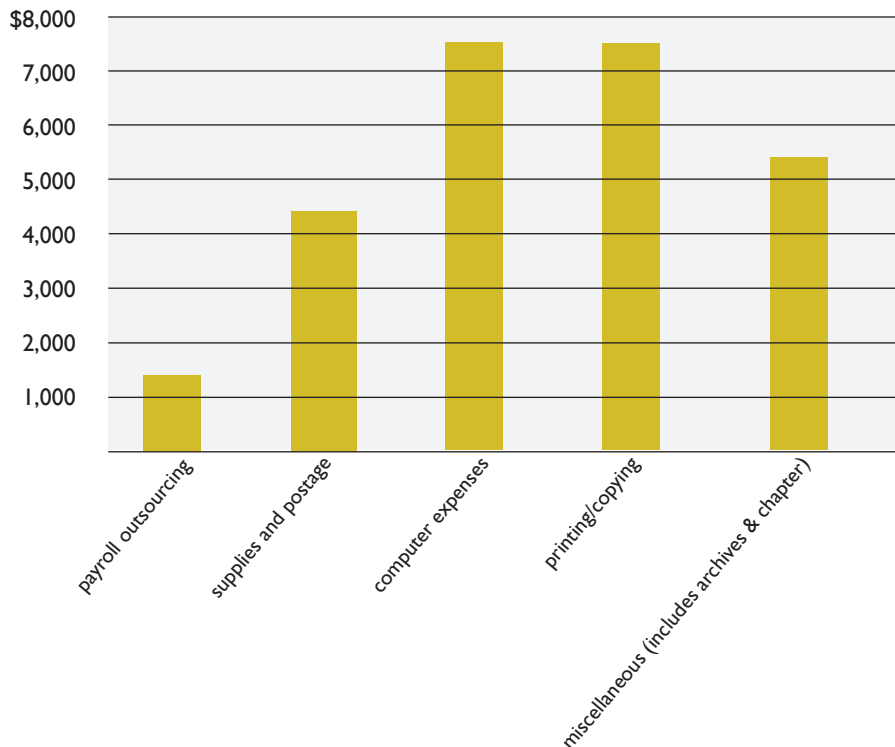
The bulk of what we spend on Insurance and Fees goes to our Property Insurance. The Cathedral is covered by the Church Insurance Company which exclusively covers Episcopal Churches and institutions. A representative from Church Insurance meets with leadership from the congregation during October of each year to discuss any changes to insurance rate or coverage in the coming year.



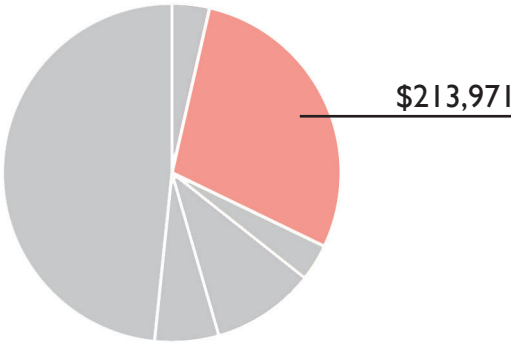
office and administration



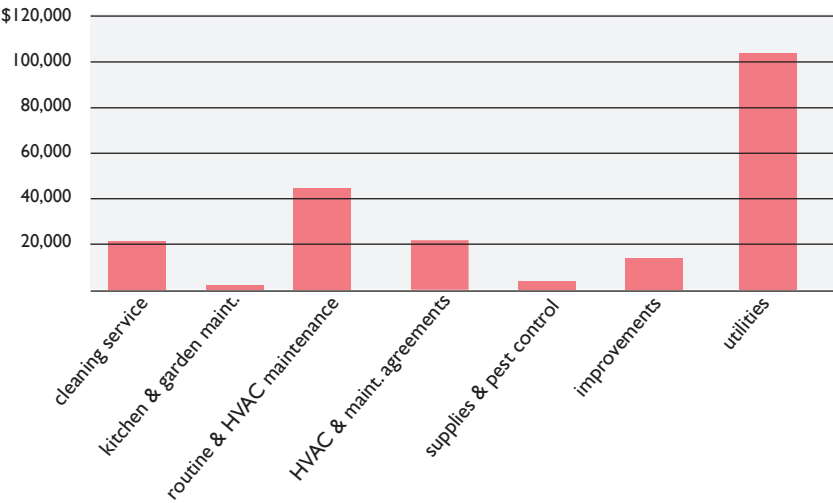
This expense category funds the daily operations of the Cathedral's office and the administration of the parish. An annual budget allocation for computer expenses enables us to replace aging computers on a rolling basis. This investment is of particular importance given the ever increasing role technology plays in the ministry of our congregation.



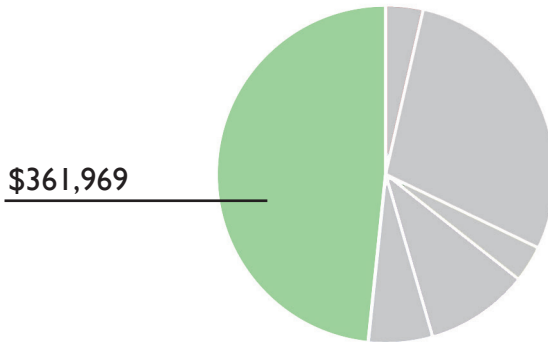
building and grounds



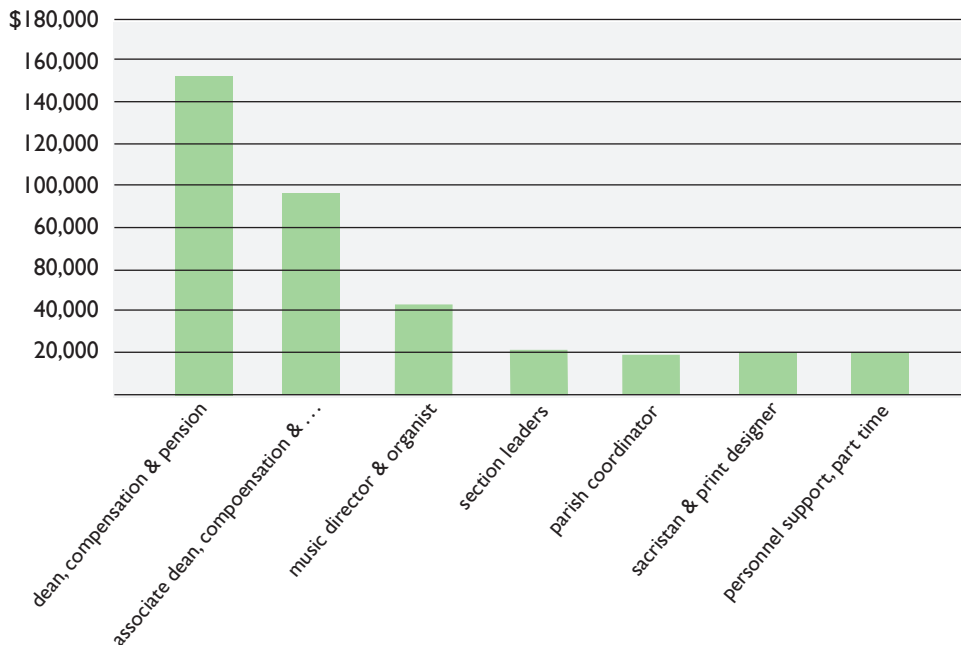
The Cathedral's buildings and grounds are one of our congregation's greatest assets and our goal is for them to be utilized for mission and ministry as many hours as possible throughout the week. While their primary purpose is to provide space for worship services, Christian education classes, meetings, and fellowship, their flexibility allows us to host a wide range of events. At present, the Cathedral hosts three 12 step meetings, serves as the rehearsal space for the Louisville Chamber Choir, and provides a performance venue for several outside musical groups throughout the year.. We also lease space to the Diocesan Offices and UP for Women and Children. And in January and February, Deans' Hall becomes home each night for up to 15 overnight guests through our partnership with Room in the Inn - Louisville.



personnel



Our employees account for the largest investment of the Cathedral's budget, with most of this category going to the Dean's compensation and pension. Deacon Eva does not receive any salary or benefits for all the ministry she does on behalf of the Cathedral. During the past year the Cathedral called the Rev. Charles Myers to serve as the Associate Dean & Missioner for Outreach and Evangelism. Fr. Charles's position is paid for by a generous grant from the Diocese of Kentucky for 2026-2027. We will pick up 20% of the salary and benefits package for this position in 2028. We will need additional financial resources, anticipated to come through a combination of congregational gifts and outside grants, to sustainably fund this position.



capital campaign

Christ Church Cathedral is in the middle of a capital campaign. The goal of the campaign is to fund critical repairs to our historic building, including the reinforcement of trusses above the nave, replacement of the flat roofs of Deans Hall and the Link Building, and restoration of the limestone masonry work of the Cathedral's western facade.

The Cathedral has been awarded a \$500,000 matching grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places, a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We have completed the capital grant submission required to receive the first half of the grant funds, having met our initial fundraising benchmarks. We will receive the second and final disbursement once the scope of work supported by the grant has been completed.

The Campaign continues to receive pledges from members and friends of the Cathedral. Campaign co-chairs Jan Margerum and Lee Cochran, in consultation with the Sollog Group, and supported by a dedicated team of volunteers from our congregation, are working to reach a total amount pledged of \$1,000,000, while will support the completion of these essential repairs.

If you are interested in making a pledge in support of the campaign or would like more information, please contact one of the campaign co-chairs or Susan Shockey in the Cathedral office.



For additional information about the NFSP, visit their website:

<https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/>

A program of Partners for Sacred Places
in collaboration with the
National Trust for Historic Preservation



To find out more about the Sollog Group, visit their website: thesolloggroup.com.

Dear Parishioners and Friends

As autumn arrives and we enter a new season together, we look back with profound gratitude for all that God is doing in our midst. I hope you have felt the energy of growth and appreciation shared with us and among us for what we seek to do. We can very soon celebrate the wonderful success of our capital campaign, which is securing our physical space and strengthening our roots. Yet, as we begin our **Autumn Annual Stewardship Campaign**, we hold tight to a vital truth: **"The capital campaign secures our cornerstone; our annual stewardship fills this sacred space with living ministry."**

While our capital campaign restores and strengthens the shelter of our cathedral roof, our annual giving powers the love that steps outside it. The physical architecture is the vessel. Last year our theme, seeking your time, talent, and treasure became the heartbeat that keeps it alive. We are even more able to build to serve, preserving this sacred space so that we may truly be a sanctuary for the city.

Our 5-Week Journey Together

Over the next four weeks, with a hiatus for All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026, Sunday services will feature brief lay reflections highlighting the core operational and missional pillars of our parish life. We all have a role to play and gift to give:

Week 1: Stewardship Committee Leader Presentation — Feeding Ministry

Focusing on our daily call to nourish our neighbors with dignity and care.

Week 2: Worship, Music, and Pastoral Ministries

Celebrating cathedral liturgy, music, and pastoral care that nourish us to do God's work in the world.

Week 3: Sanctuary & Restoration — Room in the Inn

Highlighting radical presence and winter shelter during the coldest months.

Week 4: Hope for Generations — The UP Program

Empowering women, children, and families in crisis with a safe, consistent refuge.

Week 5: Dedication Sunday / Ingathering

Prayerfully Committing our whole selves — We each have something unique to give—as we present our pledge cards and time commitments.

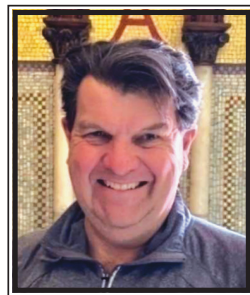
A Sanctuary for the City

We invite you to reflect prayerfully on how you can offer your gifts during this season for the coming year. Whether through volunteering overnight with Room in the Inn, mentoring, lending your voice to worship, or making a financial pledge, or all of the above, every contribution ensures our cathedral remains a place of warmth, welcome, and grace—a beacon that is **Here for Good**.

Please join us on this journey as we offer our hearts and hands to continue the building of and annual rebirthing of this living church together.

*In faith and gratitude
Graham Whatley*

The Stewardship Committee & Cathedral Leadership



*This is stewardship.
To step forward with what we have,
trusting that it is enough.
Gratitude gives us the courage to give without
fear, to pour ourselves out while still holding onto
the song that makes us who we are.
We do not shrink when we give.
We do not lose ourselves. We grow.*

— The Rev. Lester Mackenzie



How to Make Your Gift

You can make a gift as a part of the worship service by placing cash or a check in the plate which is passed during the offertory. You can also send your gift by mail. Or you can make an online gift by credit card or bank draft through the Stewardship page on our website.

People sometimes wonder which method of giving is best for the church. The answer is there are benefits to each. If you make your gift by cash or check, the Cathedral receives the full amount of the gift, while a processing fee is assessed for online giving. However, you can choose to make a slight increase in your online gift to cover the cost of processing. And gifts made online can be set up to occur automatically at whatever intervals work for your budget.

If you would like help figuring out which method of giving works best for you, please reach out to our Treasurer, Kay Shields Wilkinson, at kay@ccclou.org

In the end, every gift of any amount made by whatever means is best for you is appreciated and essential for the Cathedral community to carry out God's mission.

Making Your Pledge

Thank you for supporting the mission of Christ Church Cathedral with a pledge to our annual budget. You can fill out the pledge card on this page, cut it out, and return it by mail to:

Christ Church Cathedral
421 S. 2nd St.
Louisville, KY 40202

If you prefer to make your pledge online, go to the Cathedral's website (christchurchlouky.org) and select "Pledge" on the Stewardship menu. You can also scan the QR code below to be taken directly to the pledge form.

However you choose to let us know about your pledge, we are so thankful for all of the ways that you offer what God has given you to make our shared ministry possible.



Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:33-34

For the coming year, I/We pledge \$_____ to the ongoing mission and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral.

signature _____
name _____
address _____
city _____ state _____ zip _____
phone _____ email _____



I/We plan to divide our pledge into installments which will be given (circle one) weekly biweekly monthly annually
_____ I/We have placed the Cathedral in my will.
_____ I/We would like a member of the Cathedral's Endowment to contact me about legacy stewardship. ☐ I would like offering envelopes.