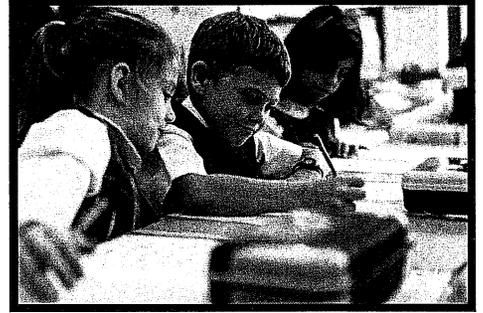


SAINT RITA PARISH ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Parishioners of St. Rita,

December 2025

As we approach Christmas, I want you to know of my gratitude to each of you for being a part of this wonderful parish. Every day I am astounded at the blessings that God has bestowed upon this parish, and I pray that each of you experiences those blessings during your time as members of the parish. This year, we took a little bit of a break from our flurry of activity leading up to our 100th anniversary last year, but we still had a blast! We changed up our usual St. Rita Day celebration and turned it into an evening dinner and dance for couples. It was a HUGE success! We sold out the evening, and a number of people commented that they were looking forward to this event happening again in the future. Our Fall Picnic with 40 Hours of Adoration went very smoothly, and our 5th annual St. Nicholas Market two weeks ago was another smash hit. It is a joy that you all love God, this parish, and each other as much as you do!

On the maintenance front, we did have to replace some sewage pipes beneath the floor of the convent basement over Christmas Break of 2024. It turns out that those pipes don't last forever! We should be good for at least another 75 years though. We also replaced the roof on the convent back in April, since we discovered some leaks that could not wait. Over the summer, we replaced nearly all the windows at St. Rita School, which was sorely needed. The new windows are not only new, but tinted, and they both good look and provide some more privacy for the children as they learn. On the docket for the near future is HVAC replacement for the campus. We had an assessment done a few months ago, and most of our equipment needs replacing. Naturally, we will do that piecemeal over the next few years. My priority is the units in the school that give us the most trouble as well as all of the units in the Church, which require constant maintenance. In addition, we are toying with some security upgrades for the school and preschool, which I will not detail here, but which I am confident will continue to keep our beloved children safe as they seek to learn about God and His wonderful creation.

On the ministry side, you will recall the survey we did in August with *Communio*, aimed at strengthening marriages because families are the primary means by which the Faith is passed on to children. Strong marriages and families mean a strong faith for your children, and for your grandchildren too! But since marriage and relationship take a lot of work, the programming we are seeking to provide through *Communio* is to assist you in both. Our monthly Couples' Night Out is a first step at providing an opportunity for couples to get out and spend time alone with each other. Our Adventures in Marriage Mini-Retreat in February and our Family Frontiers Mini-Retreat in June aim to provide significant growth opportunities for you and your family.

Lastly, we implemented an Increased Offertory Campaign in October of this year, and your generosity was again on display! Based on the number of pledges (and the numbers in the pledges) and the concrete data collected over the last 8 weeks or so, we are looking at an annual increase of around \$230,000 in the budget!! This increase will go a long way to ensure we can continue to provide you with the resources you need to grow in faith and holiness on your journey to Heaven. Of course, if you didn't pledge back in October, but would like to do so, or if you pledged but haven't had a chance to follow through on it yet, I certainly will not stop you from doing so now (*ParishGiving* is the best option)! A heartfelt Thank You to all who have so kindly responded to my appeal, and likewise to all who are so faithful in supporting the parish week after week, month after month, and year after year. Please know of my prayers for all you always, and may these last days of Advent lead you and your families to a very, merry Christmas!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Christensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Christensen

Every parishioner is asked to sustain St. Rita through a commitment of financial support.

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold."

Sirach 35:9-10

“One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church”

Parish Statistics

Registered Parish Families	1,357
Registered Members	3,779
Religious Education Enrollment (1st Grade—High School)	104
School Enrollment (Grades Pre-K — 8)	264
Altar Servers	82

Sacraments Celebrated

95 Baptisms for Newborn to 1 year olds
22 Baptisms for 1—7 year olds
3 Baptisms for 7—17 year olds
18 Baptisms for 18 and older
85 First Communicants
75 Confirmandi
35 Weddings
9 Funerals

Over 280	Hours of Confessions heard.
Over 500	Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.
Over 700	Friday Communion calls to homebound parishioners and residents of the Alexandria Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.
16	Catechists spread the Word of Jesus Christ to 104 children (1st Grade-High School Students).
Over 50	Young adults regularly attended the weekly Bible Study, bi-weekly Men’s and Women’s Groups, and monthly Reading Group, Brunches, and other social events hosted by the Young Adults Apostolate, including an all Saints Day Ball for young adults throughout the Diocese.
Over 25	High Schoolers regularly attended weekly Youth Ministry Nights, the annual Diocesan WorkCamp, RALLY, March for Life, and monthly summer night events. We also welcomed our new monthly Middle School Ministry.
About 50	American Heritage Girls obtained over 1,000 wreath sponsorships for the graves of our veterans at Alexandria National Cemetery.
226	Contacts made by the English and Spanish Legions of Mary going door-to-door to Alexandria residents within the parish boundaries.
700	Contacts made during 28 visits by the Junior Legion of Mary, at the Alexandria Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Residents also received numerous cards made by the Junior Legion Members.
\$116,167	Donated to Social Outreach that helped 335 families in need of assistance.
\$127,848	Given in school tuition assistance from designated tuition donations and parish support.
\$55,000	Raised by the PTO for direct classroom support for St. Rita School.
5,278	Pounds of food collected by the Knights of Columbus during two food drives for Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project.

Saint Rita Parish
Report to Parishioners
 FY25 Financial Report

		Church	School	Parish
Balance Sheet	ASSETS			
	Operating Accounts	520,983	845,219	1,366,202
	DIAL Savings	2,416,294	48,970	2,465,264
	Fixed Assets	-	-	-
	Endowment Investments	-	-	-
	Other Assets	-	12,995	12,995
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,937,278	\$ 907,184	\$ 3,844,461
	LIABILITIES			
	Accounts Payable	-	-	-
	Loans Payable	913,822	15,000	928,822
Deferred Revenue	-	556,567	556,567	
Other Liabilities	63,151	70,275	133,426	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 976,973	\$ 641,842	\$ 1,618,815	
NET ASSETS				
Without donor restrictions				
Unrestricted	1,579,935	175,981	1,755,916	
With donor restrictions				
Temporarily Restricted	205,370	89,361	294,731	
Permanently Restricted	175,000	-	175,000	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,960,305	\$ 265,342	\$ 2,225,646	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 2,937,278	\$ 907,184	\$ 3,844,461	
Income Statement	REVENUE SOURCES			
	Offertory/Tuition Related Income	1,263,692	2,322,865	3,586,557
	Ministry	227,774	-	227,774
	School	-	272,875	272,875
	Other Sources	391,539	553,612	945,151
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,883,005	\$ 3,149,352	\$ 5,032,358
	EXPENDITURES			
	Clergy	144,566	-	144,566
	Staffing	648,375	1,975,826	2,624,201
	Ministry	240,335	-	240,335
	School	127,848	174,962	302,809
	Buildings	224,396	286,526	510,921
	Admin	290,518	335,477	625,995
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 1,676,038	\$ 2,772,791	\$ 4,448,828
	NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 206,968	\$ 376,562	\$ 583,530
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE				
Campaign/Extraordinary Income	406,242	-	406,242	
Capital Expendures/Renovations	264,635	261,879	526,515	
NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 141,606	\$ (261,879)	\$ (120,273)	
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 348,574	\$ 114,682	\$ 463,256	