

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A Jesuit Parish | Phoenix, Arizona

MINISTRY & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
JULY 1, 2024 -- JUNE 30, 2025



October 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear parishioners and friends,

I write this letter to express my gratitude to the parishioners of St Francis Xavier, who, through their sacrifice and commitment, animate our mission to proclaim the Gospel. Why do we do this? Because every person deserves a place where they can build a Holy relationship with God and each other. **E V E R Y O N E**. Our mission is big and bold, and like the widow in today's Gospel from Luke who did not give up until the judge answered her plea, it requires us to be resilient, courageous, and to pray unceasingly. It requires us to be faithful. These are difficult days, but our faith in God, who will prevail in the end, gives us hope.

The following report is a snapshot of the faithfulness and generosity of the people of this parish during the past fiscal year. Please take time to review it. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our Stewardship Director, Robin Margraf, at robin.margraf@sfxphx.org or me at pastor@sfxphx.org. Or bring your questions to an informal Q&A session on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 10:15 am. We will meet in the parish office. All are welcome.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Robert A. Fambrini, SJ
Pastor



ST FRANCIS XAVIER
A JESUIT PARISH & SCHOOL

CALLED TO BE GENEROUS

Every person deserves a place where they can form a holy relationship with God and each other. This is our mission and it depends on the faithful commitment of each of us. St Paul implored the Corinthians to give abundantly because the church grows through *generous and cheerful giving*. (2 Cor 9:7) We are blessed not only for our own welfare but so that we may be generous and by our generosity give thanks to God. (2 Cor 9:11)



Give Online

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work"

2 Cor 9:8

HOW WE GROW THE CHURCH

The offertory collection is the primary source of funding for our mission. Nearly 50% of offertory gifts are received electronically. Electronic giving is good for the parish. It stabilizes cash flow and reduces administrative costs. It's good for the giver by providing a secure, convenient, and consistent way to support the mission. Give online at osvhub.com/sfxphx/giving/funds or scan the code.

Pastoral Ministry Review

234 infants and children were baptized
100 children made their first Reconciliation
102 children received their first Eucharist
102 children celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation
127 children were enrolled in our faith formation programs
645 children were enrolled in our parish school
109 adults and teens were fully initiated in the Church
83 couples were united in marriage
134 people received the sacrament of anointing of the sick
54 funeral Masses were celebrated
7 Quinceañera Masses were celebrated
Over 600 visits were made to the sick and homebound
Over 300 individuals served in a variety of ministry roles.
Over 1,000 Masses were celebrated
90 hours were devoted to Eucharistic adoration

Saturday 5 pm Choir



Vacation Bible School 2025

Ministry Highlights

Ignited Family Faith Formation

In 2024–25, our Ignited Family Faith Formation program served 88 families —127 children, with 50 children receiving sacraments. One highlight was the smooth transition of 11 fifth graders into Edge, as they continued their second year of preparation and strengthened the bridge between children’s and youth ministry. For the first time, Ignited, Edge, and Life Teen collaborated to provide a truly complete model of family faith formation, including adult faith opportunities for parents.

This year bore many fruits: six couples inquired about sacramental marriage, with three are now in the process of convalidation; two older children from program families came to serve as catechist aides; and several parents joined a parent committee representing our parish in the National Community of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL) family project with the Diocese of Phoenix.

Our families also led the first-ever All Saints Festival, an event organized and executed entirely by parents in the program, marking a milestone in parish life. Likewise, the Parish Posada drew close to 300 participants, bringing families and parishioners together in prayer and celebration.



Worship



Fellowship



Service

Parish Finance Council

The finance council advises the pastor on matters relating to the stewardship of the parish's financial resources. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Council Members 2024-2025

Reed Mittelstaedt, Chairperson	
Jason Barraza	Tony Mackey
Ann Behring	Jeff Moloznik
Amy Flood	Stuart Rodie

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.

Phil 2:1–2

Our
financial
gifts
sustain
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St. Francis Xavier Church & Athletic Association
Unaudited Statement of Activities

**Fiscal Years Ended
June 30,**

2025

2024

(dollars in thousands)

Revenues

Offertory and unrestricted gifts	\$ 2,307	\$ 2,261
Unrestricted bequest	--	673
Program fees and other	313	376
SFXAA registration fees and other	757	812
<i>Total</i>	<u>3,377</u>	<u>4,122</u>

Expenses

Compensation and benefits	1,207	1,045
Operating expenses	1,559	1,850
General administration	132	175
SFXAA operating expenses	744	690
<i>Total</i>	<u>3,642</u>	<u>3,760</u>

Net Operating Income (Loss)

(265) 362

Other Income (Expense)

Unrealized investment gains (losses)	78	215
Restricted gifts and other	42	53
<i>Total</i>	<u>120</u>	<u>268</u>

Net Income (Loss)

\$ (145) \$ 630

Other Information at year-end

Cash and investments		
Unrestricted - Church	\$ 347	\$ 619
Unrestricted - SFXAA	213	368
Restricted - Church	1,623	1,606
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 2,183</u>	<u>\$ 2,593</u>

Priests	3	3
Employees	16	13
SFXAA participants	1,300	1,200

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**and meet
the needs
of others.**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry @SFX



Special Collections

\$7,359 was contributed to national and international needs through designated collections. Additional collections this year included \$15,732 to support the Heart of Jesus school in Peru through Cross Catholic Outreach and \$15,400 for educational programs through E3 Africa in Uganda.

St. Vincent De Paul

\$80,000 was donated to support the SFX conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, including Fifth Sunday, Poor Box, and memorial donations. An additional \$99,500 in food donations was collected through the church collection boxes and food drives.

The conference provided the following assistance to local households:

- 2,150 food boxes
- \$55,000 in full or partial rental assistance
- \$2,700 in full or partial utility assistance
- \$2,200 in vouchers for furniture or household items
- \$400 in bus passes
- \$600 for prescriptions

Charity & Development Appeal

The parish raised \$270,533 for the 2025 CDA exceeding our goal of \$224,517. Thirty percent raised over our goal is returned to the parish. We anticipate a rebate of \$13,805. Three hundred thirty-five (335) households contributed to this year's appeal which supports more than seventy charities, ministries, and apostolates throughout the Diocese of Phoenix. Learn more at dphx.org/cda/



Heart of Jesus School, Jicamarca, Peru

Our Parish School

St. Francis Xavier Elementary School in the heart of Central Phoenix is preparing to celebrate its 90 year anniversary, a milestone that honors nearly a century of Jesuit education. With full enrollment across all grades, the school continues to be a vibrant community where students are formed as "Kids for Others."

Recent years have brought major successes: a strong accreditation process, the adoption of a forward-looking strategic plan, and fundraising achievements that support innovative programs and facilities. From the Hungry Wolf Cafe, which ensures every child is nourished, to dynamic classrooms like the Innovation Lab, STEM Lab, and Lego Lab, students are thriving in hands-on, future-focused learning environments.

Spiritual life remains at the heart of the school. Weekly Wednesday Masses, daily prayer, and Ignatian values guide students to be Religious, Loving, Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, and Committed to Doing Justice.

With a new curriculum driving stellar academic progress and a mission rooted in the Jesuit tradition, St. Francis Xavier stands ready to carry its legacy of faith, excellence, and service into its next decade and beyond.

Photos

Each morning, students, staff, and parents gather for Pledge and Prayer, a cherished tradition for decades. We celebrate achievements, support one another, share upcoming events, and most importantly, pray together. Join us in this special daily ritual!



Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and
seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Phil 4:9

Forming kids for others.

St. Francis Xavier School Unaudited Statement of Activities

	Fiscal Years Ended June 30,	
	2025	2024
	<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	
Revenues		
Tuition, registration and fees	\$ 6,594	\$ 6,322
Unrestricted gifts	110	12
Other, including food and bookstore sales	679	759
<i>Total</i>	<u>7,383</u>	<u>7,093</u>
Expenses		
Compensation and benefits	5,905	5,542
Operating expenses	1,754	1,567
Food and bookstore cost of sales	342	370
General administration	163	145
<i>Total</i>	<u>8,164</u>	<u>7,624</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(781)</u>	<u>(531)</u>
Other Income (Expense)		
School fundraising, net of related costs	490	246
Unrealized investment gains (losses)	83	144
Restricted gifts and other	36	2
<i>Total</i>	<u>609</u>	<u>392</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (172)</u>	<u>\$ (139)</u>
Other Information at year-end		
Cash and investments		
Unrestricted	\$ 973	\$ 1,504
Restricted	1,266	864
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 2,239</u>	<u>\$ 2,368</u>
Students (capacity of 645)	645	642
Employees	91	89

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Parish and SFXAA

Offertory and unrestricted gifts increased by 2% due to a 4% increase in in offertory contributions offset by a slight decrease in unrestricted gifts. A large unrestricted bequest was received in 2024 and a portion of the related proceeds was used to replace the Church's legacy HVAC system.

Church compensation and benefits increased by 15% due to staff salary increases of 4% along with increased healthcare and retirement costs.

Church operating expenses decreased by 15% due to lower repair and maintenance, security and Diocesan assessment costs offset by higher utility costs.

St Francis Xavier Athletic Association (SFXAA) is a volunteer organization founded in 1956 where young athletes may grow in respect and concern for others. It is open to all children in the local community. SFXAA operating expenses increased by 8% due to the continued growth of its baseball and soccer programs as well as an increase in its AMDG baseball and softball club teams.

The Church and SFXAA had a net loss of \$145,000 in 2025; however, after subtracting non-cash depreciation expense and unrealized gains on investments, the net loss was only \$49,000.

Bishop's (Diocesan) Assessment – Each parish in the diocese contributes a percentage of its ordinary income to support diocesan-wide offices and ministries. Large parishes such as SFX contribute approximately 12% annually.

Maintenance Fund – The maintenance fund is a vital source of revenue to care for our iconic church and facilities. This collection increased by 40% over the prior year. You can support this collection by using the envelope in the bi-monthly packet or by giving online at <https://www.osvhub.com/sfxphx/giving/funds/>

Parish School

Tuition, registration and fees increased by 4.3% primarily as a result of tuition rate increases of 6.0% offset by slight reductions in registration and other fees. Our School operated essentially at capacity in both 2025 and 2024 and had waiting lists in certain grades.

Compensation and benefits increased by 7% due to staff salary increases of 4% along with increased healthcare and retirement costs.

Operating expenses increased by 12% due to higher repair and maintenance, utility, insurance and security expenses.

Net fundraising income increased as a result of outstanding efforts by the School's development team and Parent's Association.

The School had a net loss of \$172,000 in 2025; however, after subtracting non-cash depreciation expense and unrealized gains on investment, the School generated net income off \$20,000.

The parish is 'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters.'

--Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium



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