



United in Faith and Community

Dear Parishioner,

One year ago, I introduced “United in Faith and Community” as our vision to increase Mass attendance, ministry participation, and financial giving. It served as a reminder on the importance of being present with our Lord at the Eucharistic celebration, and of our call to Christian stewardship – giving a portion of our gifts (time, talent, and treasure) back to God in gratitude for all He has given us.

I am pleased to share that our weekend Mass attendance has increased by 5% and our weekly collections are up by 7%. While short of the goals set last year, I am so grateful for your positive response and generous support of our St. Rita Parish.

With the increased financial support, we have put our parish in a better position to handle increased expenses and made inroads on buildings and grounds projects to the church and school. These projects include widening and paving the main driveway entrance, replacing failing parish center doors, boiler repairs, and classroom updates, with several projects set for the coming months.

This last year has been very helpful; however, we recognize it is going to take an ongoing effort to sustain our parish and school and to be able to make needed capital improvements. We had 300 parish families respond to United in Faith and Community in 2024 and we are hopeful more will respond in 2025.

Once again, I am asking you and all our parishioners to positively, prayerfully, and generously respond to our need to increase our regular weekly collections.

Additionally, it is worth repeating from last year that the single most important contribution you can make to our parish and school community is to regularly participate in Mass. Your being there adds to the vitality of our worship and what you receive from the Eucharist is beyond price.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in your contributions and presence.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Saint Rita Parish Mission Statement:

Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.