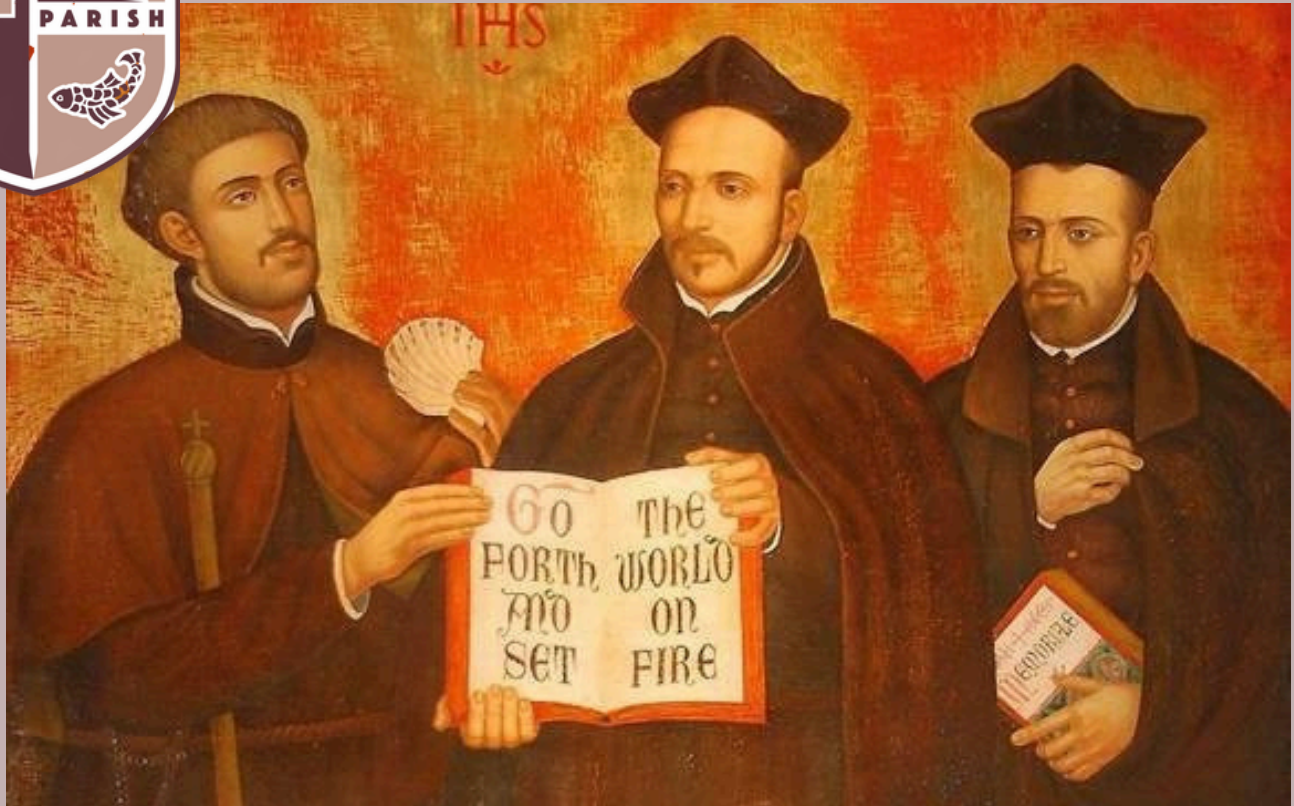




ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

2024-2025

Annual Report



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**PASTOR'S REPORT
ST. IGNATIUS PARISH AGM 2025**

It has been a little over a year that I have been at St Ignatius and it is wonderful to be here. Welcome everyone. Thank you for coming this evening!

Thank you to so many who have enabled us to worship and to keep building our community here at St Ignatius. I am happy to see altar servers back as they help us remember that the young people are the future of the parish.

Last year the Archbishop hired a fundraiser to help with the Sharing God's Gifts campaign. We were chosen as a pilot parish to help with this effort. Because of your generosity we exceeded our target by about \$43,000. This rebate to the parish is being used towards refurbishing the front doors of the Church and also installing accessibility buttons which will allow people in wheelchairs or people using walkers and strollers to safely and easily access the Church. This year our Sharing God's Gifts target is \$80,546. We are very close to reaching this target and I hope we will be able to exceed our target like last year and continue to make improvements to the Church building.

We have had some changes in staff at the Church. We now have Maria Carattino who has been with us over a year and 2 part-time office assistants –Femi Ajani and Leticia Yamba. As you know Shannon Schellenberg started as our bookkeeper last year and has been a wonderful addition to both the Church and the school.



Pastor's Message continued...

Last year Fr Frank started an experiment with the Sunday evening Mass at 7:30 pm. This experiment ran from July to September. After consultation with many parishioners and visitors it was clear to me that we need a Sunday evening Mass once again. I have not forgotten about this need and I am still working on trying to put together the pieces so that we can launch an evening Mass which will probably be at 8:30 pm to accommodate healthcare professionals and other shift workers who normally finish their shifts at 7:30 pm.

As you know, our new Archbishop Murray Chatlain was installed on April 4th of this year. We have had a very good working relationship with him and he has been very helpful as we reflect on and discuss possible rectory redevelopment possibilities.

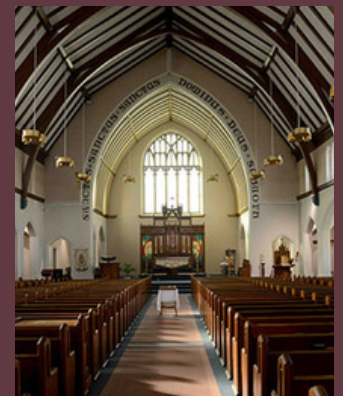
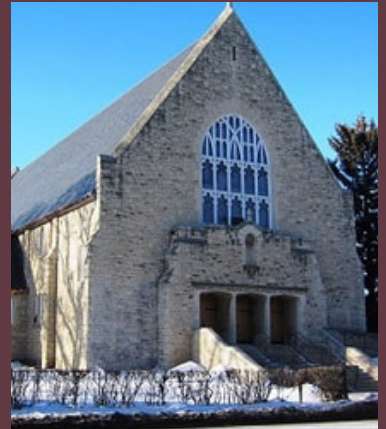
Once again this year we hosted our St Ignatius Fall Fellowship event which was a joint venture between the parish and school. It was a great way for the parish community to connect with the school community and to welcome new members to our school.

This Fall we once again supported the Hockey Helps the Homeless program through donations from our Poor Box. This year our parish will once again host a Christmas fundraising concert which is called Home for the Holidays. This event will take place on Sunday, December 14th at 1:30 pm. We hope you will be able to join us!

The RCIA program is well underway and we look forward to welcoming 9 new members into our faith community. We hosted an in-person Engaged Discovery -- marriage prep program. This was very successful, and we had many weddings this year. We will be having another marriage prep program in late January and looking forward to having many more weddings this coming year.

I continue to attend Deanery meetings with other parishes in the South Deanery. This is a good way to connect with other parishes but also cooperate with them on common projects. This year we hosted two ethics panels. These were meant to be educational to help parishioners and visitors to learn about and reflect on important topics that impact our daily lives. Our first was on February 1 st where we reflected on advance medical care planning and surrogate decision making. The second panel discussion was held on March 1 st and it focused on M.A.I.D. In the future we hope to have other events on important topics like reproductive health and mental health issues.

I am grateful to Maria who keeps the front office organized and functioning. She guides our office staff Femi and Leticia. Thanks to Bob Pistawka in his fourth year in the new position at the parish, our Operations Manager. Many thanks to our faithful readers, ushers, communion ministers and those who organize them - Lee Mensic, Bill Hrynko and Warren Reeves - so that our parish worship can proceed with dignity and holiness. Thanks to our music ministries, Chas and the choir, Dale and her cantors, Terence and his team of musicians and singers.



"we are called to be like our God, to be creative!"

Pastor's Message continued...

Thanks to David Androvic for using his expertise to keep our parish tech sound and current. Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council ably lead by Martin Scanlon. Special thanks to our trustees Liz Polakoff and Carmine Militano who with their wonderful enthusiasm and energy have guided our administrative team. Thanks to our Finance Council that is chaired by Steve Ward and consists of Liz Polakoff, Carmine Militano, Emőke Szathmáry and Allan Stoski. They share their wisdom and expertise as we continue to navigate our financial situation. Thanks to Lucy Vogrig, our Sunday School coordinator, and her generous catechists. We had a cohort of 6 candidates for Confirmation in the Sunday school and 18 candidates for Confirmation from our St Ignatius School. We expect a much larger group in the coming year. Thanks also to Carmela Castellano Sinclair who continues to guide our Spiritual Education Centre. Our Knights of Columbus, under the leadership of Ethan Cabel, continue to be extraordinary in serving our community. They organize and run various events in the parish including our Christmas Fundraiser, Pancake Breakfasts etc. They are always willing and ready to help out at short notice. The Knights are hosting the wine and cheese tonight! Principal Jeannine Pistakwa with her staff provides our parish with a wonderful school.

Thank you to them! I am grateful to Fr. Joe Newman who was with us this past year and has now been missioned to Ontario. We are grateful that Fr. Provincial has assigned Fr. Peter Bisson half time to the parish. Fr. Peter joined us in August and is gradually settling in and getting to know the parish.



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When I arrived a great concern was a financial one and continues to be a concern. We are gradually building up again and hopefully soon enough we will be back to pre-Covid figures. This is a great challenge and I suspect it will take generosity, imagination, and ingenuity to get back on track. We have been in touch with the Archbishop and his team to try and sort out our financial situation.

The Archbishop has been generous as has forgiven about 15% of our debt. This still leaves us with a substantial amount of debt which will be discussed when Steve Ward goes over our finances. I am happy to note that we are actively working with the Archbishop and his team to develop some ideas for some new construction where our current rectory and offices are located. We continue to work with the Archdiocesan Building Committee and our own finance council to move the redevelopment project forward. The hope is to be able to work with a developer to construct a building which will offer some affordable housing and provide us with funds to deal with our debt and also renovate part of our Spiritual Education Centre to be able to offer a licensed daycare option. Stay tuned for more information in the coming year.

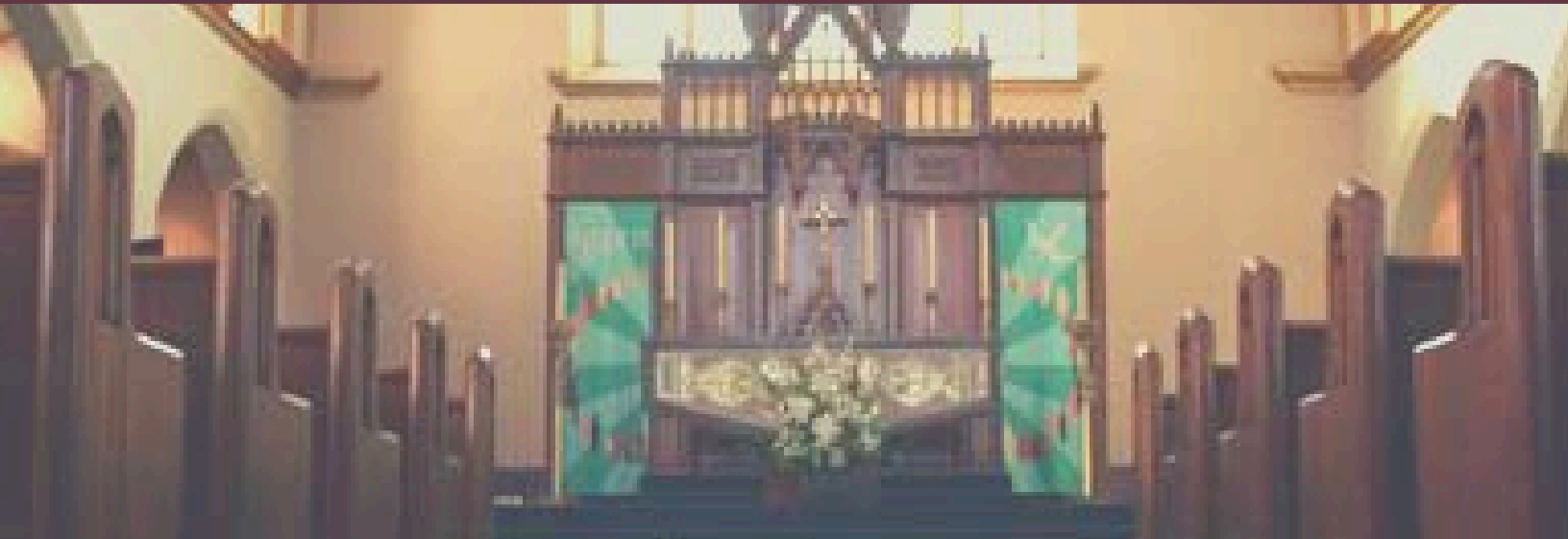
Despite the challenges we face and challenges we continue to address, we live with hope and trust that we will continue to seek out God's will for us and our parish, and that we will courageously and generously respond to fulfil it. I know we strive to continue to celebrate God's presence in our parish and world and to open our hearts allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire and renew us. This year we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year where we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. I am certainly very hopeful that we will continue to grow and welcome new members into our faith community. I can never finish saying thank you to all of you. I have named a few people but there are many more unnamed heroes who work in the background and who make our parish a warm and welcoming place for all.

Our parish exists only because of your generosity and faith– Thank you to all!

Fr. Daryl Miranda, S.J.
Pastor
ad maiorem dei gloriam
(all for the greater glory of God)
December 3, 2025

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

Annual General Meeting



SPIRITUAL EDUCATION CENTRE

It's a joy to share the story of our past year at the St. Ignatius Spiritual Education Centre. Each year, I'm reminded how deeply blessed we are to walk with people as they seek hope, healing, and a deeper relationship with God through the programs we offer.

Our centre has a strong and meaningful history. Since the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary entrusted this space to us in 1991, it has remained a place for gathering, spiritual formation, transformation, and action. It's inspiring to see how the mission begun that first year still guides and energizes our community today.

Tonight, I will highlight the key areas of service that have guided our mission this year, framed within three of the four Apostolic Preferences of the Jesuits—a lens that continues to ground and animate our work. I will also show how the centre serves not only our parish, but the three archdioceses in Manitoba as well.

Spiritual Exercises Apostolate

At the heart of the centre is our offering of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Since Fr. English's time here in the late 1990s, the Centre has accompanied individuals seeking a mature faith—one capable of "finding God in all things."

This past year:

- 14 retreatants completed the 30-week retreat.
- We hosted a spring "Come and See" event for 35 people; 24 returned in the fall for the preparation and discernment phase, and 16 began the 30-week retreat in October.
- Some directors offered youth-focused retreats across the archdiocese.
- One director specialised in a Two-Eyed Seeing approach for those with Indigenous backgrounds or interests.

Spiritual Education Centre

Our retreats attract a diverse community: longtime parishioners and elders, school parents, staff from other Jesuit Works, people from Catholic parishes across the archdiocese, and participants from other Christian traditions.

Post-retreat outcomes:

Participants report that retreats help them:

- Continue a regular rhythm of prayer independently or in spiritual communities like CLC or Ignatian Lay People Volunteers.
- Move through life with Ignatian discernment, asking, “Where is God in this?”
- Serve more generously in their communities.
- Deepen involvement in ministry or parish life and attend future retreats.
- Strengthen relationships.
- Develop a desire to accompany and support others spiritually, with some discerning joining the spiritual directors’ team.

Spiritual Directors Team:

- 11 directors and 1 in training.
 - Team renewal has occurred after retirements of long-standing members.
 - Directors meet weekly with directees, participate in peer supervision, and continue formation.
 - Training is a two-year journey of discernment and skill development.
- The dedication of our directors and the enduring gift of the Exercises are why interest in our retreats exceeds capacity. Moving forward, we plan to enhance connections with other centres across Canada and explore expansion opportunities. This path is as a result of my attendance at Superior and Director of Works meeting in Manresa.

Walking with the Excluded

Our focus on inclusion and dialogue with marginalized communities has also been central this year.

- Truth and Reconciliation: We continue partnering with St. Kateri Parish through Learning and Dialogue Circle sessions.
- Indigenous engagement:
 - o Participated in an Indigenous Healing Circle and Mass welcoming Bishop Murray Chatelain and St. Kateri Residential School Survivors.
 - o Hosted a Mass and Lunch & Learn on September 30, including teaching on smudging, land acknowledgments, and Fr. Peter Bisson’s presentation Beyond Apology: Decolonizing the Jesuits, with over 100 attendees.

Collaborated with Canadian Jesuit International and St. Kateri Parish on November 11 for a circle on Indigenous resistance to threats to land and cultural identity.

- **OPK partnership:** Monthly engagement with this Indigenous-led organization supporting the homeless, including participation by St. Ignatius families and high school youth doing service hours.

2SLGBTQ+ Ministry:

- The Building Bridges Group Ministry continues bi-weekly gatherings for Catholic 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, their loved ones, and allies, with quarterly outreach events (Talk Back Session, Mass in honor of 2SLGBTQ+ Pilgrimage in Rome)
- Guide for other parishes.
- A special Mass will be held January 11 for the Baptism of Jesus, celebrating our ministry and inclusivity.
- Recipients of St Paul’s HS Fundraiser of “Everyone Belongs”

Spiritual Education Centre

Prayer Ministries:

We also happily welcome and support, when needed, participants in:

- Mother's Prayer Group
- Healing Ministry
- Monday Morning Prayer Group
- Newly formed Seniors Group

These groups are largely led by women elders who faithfully offer prayers and accompaniment week after week. I love to share that in many cases, 80% of parish ministries are led by unpaid women—thank you for your dedication.

We are also blessed to have the Knights of Columbus assisting with coffee and tea at almost all events.

Other Notable Services

- Weekly Adoration continues.
- Additional on-going ministries (not mentioned above) that use the space include RCIA, PPC, BAT KOL, Engaged Couples Retreats, Liturgy Committee etc....
- One-on-one and family spiritual accompaniment is offered, drawing on my Benedictine formation and mediation experience.
- Under Fr. Daryl's guidance, the Annual Children's Way of the Cross has grown into a full Good Friday service, led by ~20 youth for ~180 participants.
- Guided and silent day retreats continue, including the Annual Advent Retreat, averaging monthly bookings.
- Participation in the River Heights Interfaith Leadership Coalition promotes shared community needs and unity across faith traditions.
- Grants supporting programming and refurbishment of space will conclude in March; new funding applications are being explored.

Closing Remarks

This year has been one of growth, learning, and renewed connection for the St. Ignatius Spiritual Education Centre. As we move forward, we remain committed to spiritual formation, inclusion, reconciliation, and accompanying those in need.

Thank you to Fr. Daryl and now Fr. Peter for trusting me with this ministry. It's a dynamic and creative position that allows me to direct some of the centres programming, create new opportunities for faith formation and social justice and guide a most amazing team of Spiritual Directors.

Thank you also to all participants for bringing life and energy to our programs. Connecting with hundreds of people each year, I am continually inspired by this caring and vibrant spiritual community. Most importantly, thank you to God for the invitation to serve this way.

Respectfully Submitted, Carmela Castellano Sinclair

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT



Parish Pastoral Council meets approximately every six weeks between September and June. Our role is to work with Father Miranda to provide prayerful and discerning advice on pastoral issues and any other matters that Father Miranda wishes to discuss. This can cover a whole range of topics associated with Father Miranda's service of the needs of the whole parish and its members, and which includes the parish's teaching, prayer and worship, and its shepherding ministries.

The current members of PPC are myself, Janelle Lafantaisie, Carolyn Meadows, Charly Pazdor, Tannis Scott, Damir Stipanovic, Greg Sylvestre, the School principal, Jeannine Pistawka, and Fathers Daryl Miranda and Peter Bisson. I would like to thank all members of PPC for their active participation on Council.

One of the first tasks for PPC in 2025 was to work with Father Miranda on publicizing the Pilot Project for Sharing God's Gifts. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, and the work of a number of people in the parish, the Pilot Project was a success, raising funds past its target, and thus enabling the parish to upgrade the fabric of the Church, including making it fully accessible.

Towards the end of the past School year, PPC worked with the Principal, and the Knights, and other ministries of the Parish to help plan for the Festival of Friends.

Parish Pastoral Council Report

This September event is important for the Parish since it welcomes new and returning students (and their parents) to the start of the new School year.

The principal activity for PPC this year, though, has been a discernment of how PPC can work with the Pastor to ensure that as a Council we conform to the Archdiocese's Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils. Two members of PPC attended the Diocesan Workshop on this subject that was put on in the Fall. This Workshop reinforced actions that PPC had taken earlier in the year to map out an Action Plan for PPC with the blessing of Father Miranda. In drafting this Action Plan, PPC asked itself a number of questions:

PPC is a consultative body for the Pastor that is meant to speak on behalf of the parish. And so, how can PPC best serve the parishioners of St Ignatius? How can PPC acquire a better knowledge of the various ministries of the Parish?

Since Pope Francis stressed that synodality "is an essential dimension of the Church", how can PPC help the Pastor make synodality part of the daily life of St. Ignatius? Does PPC help our parish look to the peripheries of our society?

The outcome from this questioning is that PPC is in the process of developing a St. Ignatius Parish Pastoral Council Strategic Plan with a target of completion by the end of June.

Finally, in November, PPC discussed the parish's on-line Mass with Father Miranda. It has been a number of years since the Bishop lifted the special dispensation of allowing parishioners to attend Mass on-line as a substitute for the Sunday obligation. Therefore, does the parish still need daily livestreaming of the Mass? There are legitimate reasons for not attending Mass on Sunday, and so livestreaming (for registered viewers) of the Mass will continue. But, as we approach the sixth anniversary of the pandemic, wholesale broadcasting of the Mass no longer seems necessary.

On behalf of all of the Parish Pastoral Council, I wish St Ignatius parishioners the peace and joy of Christ for 2026, as the Council continues to play a consultative role to Father Miranda.



"We would like to give parishioners an opportunity to learn and reflect on what we heard."





BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

PREPARED BY Bob Pistwaka

AGM December 3, 2025

Good evening everyone, my name is Bob Pistawka and I am the Operations Manager for St Ignatius Parish. A large part of my role here at the Parish is looking after the cleaning and building maintenance for the whole Parish, both church and school.

One of the big changes that took place in November of 2024 was Connor Magee, the 17 year grounds keeper for the church and school went on medical leave. This was unfortunate for him but also left us in a tough spot for the winter. Out of necessity, we hired Rick Lapointe to work part time on the weekends to look after snow removal. David, Abe, and I took on the Mon – Fri snow removal duties. In April of 2025 we found out that Conner would not be returning, and we hired his full-time replacement, Serhii Gryschenko.

I would like to thank Rick for agreeing to break his retirement to help us and thank David and Abe for stepping up and doing the extra work. I am also thankful for having Serhii join the team. A wise man once told me many times, “god will provide” and it keeps happening!

I would now like to take a few minutes to update everyone on the things we have been working on in the last year.

Church Projects

Window Project Completion – we were finally able to wrap this project up by replacing the 5 chapel windows. The painters were then able to come in and do all the exterior window trim. This is the upper and lower windows. Sanding, patching, caulking, and painting. To wrap this up, I have some numbers to share to show that we are on the right track.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
EPP Payment	\$5,591	\$5,864	\$6,132	\$4,833
Gas No Tax	\$32,805	\$28,344	\$16,904	\$15,395
Usage M3	121752	100680	90960	88927

Building and Grounds Report

Corydon Entrance – for years water was pooling every spring melt and rain fall at the base of the Corydon steps and coming into the basement. There is more going on at the “stairs to nowhere” that will require future investment to fix properly but we decided to make a small monetary investment and some sweat equity to lesson the problem. We repoured a cement slab at the base of the stairs, angling it away from the building. We then installed a French drain by digging a deep trench, installing a weeping tile hose, and covering with gravel. This carries water away from the building and so far, has worked well. When I say we, I mostly mean Serhii.

Slate Tile Replacement – there was 12 tiles missing on the highest peaks of the roof. They weren't noticeable unless you really looked hard. We had a company replace these and it wasn't an easy job. Thankfully we only needed to pay for the labor as we have a large inventory of spare tiles in the basement.

Boiler – there hasn't been anything major happen with the boilers over the last year. They compressor that runs the thermostats in the whole church and ed center went. We replaced this compressor and at the same time installed auto drains on all compressors that drain out moisture that builds up every hour. We also replaced the burner rack on the church boiler. This is the device that holds all of the burners in the correct position.

Those are the big projects that we worked on.

There are to many little things to list, but hopefully you have seen Serhii up on ladders and roofs doing minor repairs. We have done a lot of work this past year patching sidewalks, steps, voids in the brick work, and sealing roof leaks.



School Projects

Specific to the school, I would like to touch on a few major projects that were completed.

Gym Electrical Panel – this panel was very old and in rough shape, so we had it retro fitted with an upgraded panel

Floors – we had the floors redone in grades 6 and 7 during the summer. Ripped out the carpet tile and laid down commercial grade laminate, matching the floor that was done the previous year in grade 5. This went so smoothly that we decided to do the grade 8 class also. So now the old tile and carpet is out of all the classes on the upper level.

Boilers – we had a new pump and tank installed at the south end of the school. It's a long run around the school and this pump helped bring condensation back to the boilers. It hadn't been working for years but we had room in the budget for it this year.

The boiler room door also needed to be replaced as it failed the fire inspection.

Lights – we continued with our lighting upgrades and were able to change out the lights in kindergarten as well as grades 1,2,and 4.

Field – we continued our field work this summer by fertilizing, top dressing, and over seeding. We were able to do this work ourselves this year and Serhii has done an amazing job maintaining it. The field had never looked so good.

These are just some of the bigger things that were worked on. There has been lots of other work go on such as scaping and painting the main entrance windows, patching brick work, PMs on all the HVAC units, stripping and finishing the floors, shampooing the carpets, etc.

I could talk for hours about all the little day-to-day things that pop up between the school and church. Currently our response time is quicker than ever, and all maintenance requests are up to date.

Thank you for your time!

FINANCE REPORT

Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Ignatius School Inc. Combined Statement of Revenue and Expenses

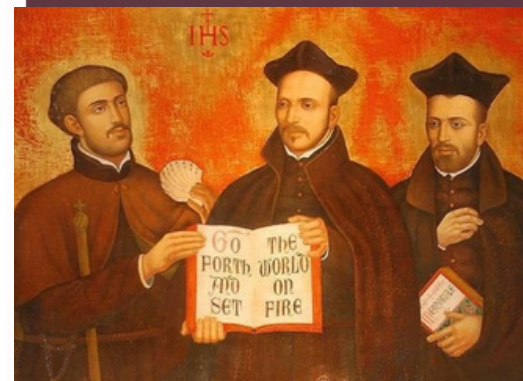
ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL INC. Summarized Financial Statements for the year ended June 30

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Government Grant	\$ 1,787,520	\$ 1,482,317
Tuition Fees	764,051	685,666
Nursery, Before and After School Programs	205,598	210,576
Fundraising	59,263	41,702
Special Needs Grant	60,195	40,130
Other Grants	52,805	67,123
Donations	77,584	27,167
Other School Revenue	144,431	39,034
	<u>\$ 3,151,447</u>	<u>\$ 2,593,715</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries, wages and benefits	2,172,369	1,932,552
Cost Sharing with Parish	92,236	100,000
Repairs and Maintenance	75,924	56,906
All other expenses	535,621	381,477
	<u>\$ 2,876,150</u>	<u>\$ 2,470,935</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 275,297</u>	<u>\$ 122,780</u>

BALANCE SHEET KEY ITEMS

Working Capital Surplus	<u>\$ 376,115</u>	<u>\$ 58,044</u>
Investment in Capital Assets	<u>\$ 120,167</u>	<u>\$ 137,822</u>
Accumulated Surplus	<u>\$ 326,362</u>	<u>\$ 51,065</u>



PARISH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
Summarized Financial Statements for the year ended June 30

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Offertory Collections	\$ 562,947	\$ 626,157
Sharing God's Gifts Collections	123,309	63,724
Cost Sharing with School	93,736	100,000
Other Parish Revenue	63,114	36,777
	<u>\$ 843,106</u>	<u>\$ 826,658</u>
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses	691,749	683,034
Diocesan Assessment	98,383	80,061
Sharing God's Gifts	80,545	73,315
Repairs and Maintenance	55,904	57,256
Amortization	62,605	67,213
	<u>\$ 989,186</u>	<u>\$ 960,879</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT	\$ (146,080)	\$ (134,221)
Other Revenue	29,197	156,369
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (116,883)</u>	<u>\$ 22,148</u>

BALANCE SHEET KEY ITEMS

Working Capital Deficit	<u>\$ (169,749)</u>	<u>\$ (104,758)</u>
Investment in Capital Assets	<u>\$ 965,910</u>	<u>\$ 973,801</u>
Accumulated Deficit	<u>\$ (169,749)</u>	<u>\$ (60,757)</u>



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Steve Ward

GST. IGNATIUS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT – AGM December 3, 2025

GOVERNANCE:

Our Parish Finance Council consists of Fr Daryl, Liz Polakoff, Carmine Militano, Emőke Szathmáry and Allan Stoski. My personal thanks to this team for the role they all play in overseeing the financial and business affairs of the Parish. We serve to provide counsel to the Pastor and protect the financial health of the St. Ignatius Parish and School community.

To assist us in fulfilling our responsibilities and provide independent oversight, we engage the Exchange Group, Chartered Professional Accountants to review the Parish financial statements and perform a full audit on the school financial statements as required by Provincial Education authorities.



JUNE 30

Let's look our results for the year ended June 30, 2024, and then talk about what's ahead.

We have two one pager financial summaries to review with you; one for the School and one for the Parish. Each summary has two sections; first a summary of Revenue and Expenses, and second, a summary of three key items from the balance sheet.

There were some handouts of these summaries available as you arrived.

SCHOOL:

We will look at the School first.

As we work thru these summaries, please note I will refer to numbers, and changes in those numbers year over year, rounded to the nearest thousand. For example, the last number in the 2025 column for the School summary is our Accumulated Surplus of \$326,362 – I will refer to it as \$326,000.

And let's start with the bottom line.

Our school has continued its deliberate march on the road to financial independence - from a deficit of \$143,000 in 2023, to a surplus of \$123,000 last year, to a surplus of \$275,000 for the year ended June 30, 2025. A remarkable turnaround for sure. Congratulations to Jeannine and her team at the school, and to the School board for their continuing focus on righting this ship - this growth does not happen without a lot of blood, sweat and tears along the way.

Let's look at some of the details behind this great story.

Total School Revenue for the year increased \$558,000 or 21.5% to \$3.2 million. The major drivers of this increase include:

- Increased government grant driven by 44 new students at the Rink Academy and an overall 1.7% increase in the grant provided by the Province of Manitoba.
- Increased tuition revenue based on additional students and an increase to the fees.
- A golf tournament that continues to grow every year.
- Some targeted donations to help the School with Technology upgrades
- The growth of extra-curricular activities for the students which include hockey skills, swimming, summer camp and Grade 7 and 8 camp. The students pay a fee to participate in these activities.

On the expense side, total expenses increased \$405,000 or 16.4%. Of that increase, \$240,000 of it comes in Salaries, wages and benefits driven by the need to staff the Rink Academy site, and an overall 5% increase in wages. It is worth noting that our staff are currently paid at 82% of Winnipeg School Division compensation levels. Other noteworthy increases from the prior year were \$43,000 for technology upgrades (funded by those targeted donations I mentioned earlier) and a \$99,000 increase in the cost of running the new and continuing extracurricular programs.

In the Expenses, you will notice a new line called “Cost Sharing with Parish”. This line captures the funds and expenses that flow back and forth between the School and the Parish. Parish staff also have duties related to School Operations including Facility Management, financial administration, custodial and grounds keeping. These costs are charged to the School based on the time devoted to School matters. Going the other way, any bursaries funded by the Parish would reduce this balance. For 2025, the net expenses shared with the School totaled \$92,000. In the Parish results, we will see the same number described as “Cost Sharing with School”.

So, in summary; revenue is up \$558,000 and expenses are up only \$405,000 contributing to a surplus of \$275,000, \$153,000 higher than last year.

I've included three key Balance Sheet metrics on the summary:

The Working Capital Surplus is essentially our Cash and Accounts Receivable less what we owe in Accounts Payable as at June 30th.

This means we are in a positive situation of \$376,000 on a current asset and liability basis.

The Investment in Capital Assets represents the School's investment in Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, Music room improvements and other building improvements. This item increases as we invest in new capital assets and decreases as we amortize (or depreciate) these costs over time.

The Accumulated Surplus of \$326,000 represents funds we have available to finance future operations. The change from last year's surplus of \$51,000 is driven solely by our 2025 surplus of \$275,000.

For the current year, and these numbers are not on the summary you have, the School is budgeting a surplus of \$65,000. And, as of today, cash in the bank sits at \$553,000. A good story all around.

PARISH

Let's turn to the Parish results for the year. Please move to the one-page summary for the Parish.

And again, let's go right to the bottom line first – For 2025, we incurred an Operating Deficit (before Other Revenue) of \$146,000 compared to Operating Deficits of \$134,000 and \$248,000 in 2024 and 2023 respectively. The improvement from 2023 to 2024 was driven primarily by the year over year increase in collections of about \$100,000. Unfortunately that trend of increasing collections did not continue into 2025, resulting in a deficit similar to 2024. We essentially stayed flat in terms of overall operations and deficit from 2024 to 2025.

We'll talk about the Other Revenue category at the bottom of the Income Statement in a moment.

Let's look at the Revenue section: Total Revenue at \$843,000 was a minor increase of \$16,000 or just less than 2%, over the prior year. What is noteworthy is the shift between Offertory Collections and Sharing God's Gifts Collections. This is fine because, as you know, any excess over our Sharing God's Gifts target comes back to the Parish from the Archdiocese. What is troublesome however, is that even if we combine these two categories, the total collections actually declined from the prior year. This, combined with the fact that our Core Collections to date this fiscal year are running about 12% lower than last year tells us to expect an increased Operating Deficit for the fiscal year that will end in June of 2026. Hence our November 22nd letter to you all setting out what we need to recover. If you have not seen the letter, please go to the St. Ignatius website.

Let's look at the Expenses: Operating Expenses at \$692,000 have increased by \$9,000 or 1.3% over the prior year. The management team is doing a good job of cost control and they continue to look for opportunities to drive savings and control costs.

Also in the expenses, you will note that our obligations to support the greater Catholic community in Winnipeg and Manitoba through the Diocesan Assessment and the Sharing God's Gifts campaign have increased by a combined total of \$26,000 or 17% this year. More on our Archdiocese debt in a moment.

So, pulling all that together, an increase in total Revenue of \$16,000 offset by an increase in total expenses of \$28,000 results in the Operating Deficit of \$146,000, \$12,000 worse than last year.

On the summary, below our Operating Deficit of \$146,000, you will note a category called Other Revenue. This represents revenue that our auditors do not consider to be part of regular operations due to its “one-time” or unpredictable nature. Things like bequests, Knights of Columbus donations (Thank you Knights) and funds directed our way through the Winnipeg Foundation or other charitable organizations are included here. This category of revenue decreased by \$127,000 driven primarily by \$101,000 in bequests that we received in 2024. There were no bequests received in fiscal 2025.

As you will note, those 2024 bequests combined with the other revenue were sufficient to create an overall surplus of \$22,000 for 2024. This year's Other Revenue of \$29,000 brought our overall deficit for the year ended June 30, 2025 to \$116,000.

Let's look at the three Balance Sheet metrics:

Our working capital deficit of \$170,000 essentially represents our cash in the bank less what we owe in accounts payable. You will note this deficit has increased \$65,000 over 2024. Although our cash in the bank and other current assets have increased about \$45,000 our current liabilities have increased by \$110,000, resulting in us being further “in the hole”. The main reason for the increase in our current liabilities was the annual Diocesan assessment. More on the Archdiocese payable in a moment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment in Capital Assets includes our Land, Buildings, Equipment and Furniture and Fixtures on a cost basis. This number increases when we invest in capital assets and declines as we amortize or depreciate these assets over time.

Our Accumulated Deficit at \$170,000 has also worsened over the prior year given our Operating Deficit in 2025. This deficit shows us our debts are exceeding our ability to pay our liabilities as they come due. Those deficits all beg the question “How are we staying in busresponsibilities to support the broader Winnipeg Catholic Community by supporting the Archdiocese with contributions through the annual Diocesan assessment. Our June 30th financial statements include a payable to the Archdiocese of \$455,000. In effect, the Archdiocese has become a second banker for us.

Some history, and as a reminder for us all, this debt could be described as “long COVID” for our Parish. During the COVID years, we lost \$437,000 in collections compared to the average of our last 3 pre-COVID years. We have not been able to recover from that lost revenue, and were not able to pay our annual Archdiocesan assessments.

Following several meetings with the Archdiocese beginning in February 2024 regarding our debt and potential solutions, we made some progress just recently. As a first step to resolving this debt, the Archdiocese agreed to forgive a portion of the balance owing. On October 30th, \$57,000 representing the amount we owed from 2020 was forgiven. At the same time, we made a payment of \$80,000 representing the 2024 assessment.

Discussions with the Archdiocese will continue on ways to resolve this debt which currently sits at \$341,000.

LOOKING AHEAD

Let’s see where we are today and look ahead a bit. These numbers are not on the summary you have. Offertory Collections to the end of October are showing us a decline of \$22,000 or about 12%, compared to the same 4-month period for last year. This is concerning. If this trend continues, our collections will be \$66,000 less than last year, and \$155,000 less than our last full pre-Covid year.

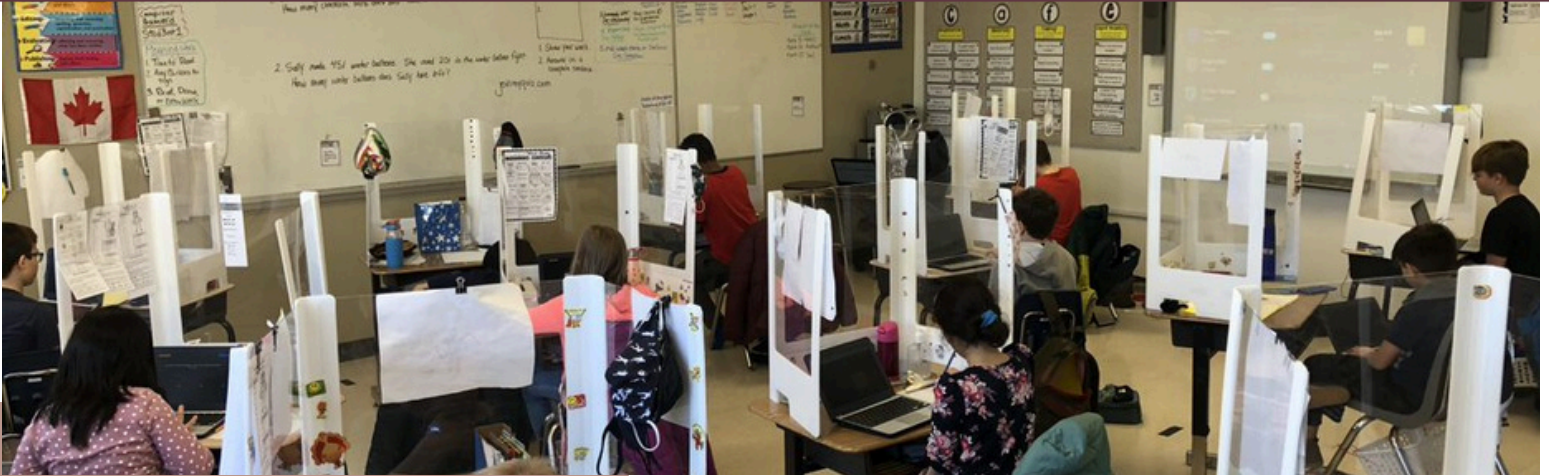
Today, the Parish has \$253,000 in the bank and no debt, other than our debt to the Archdiocese. To the end of October, we are running an operating deficit of \$8,000 and projecting an operating deficit of \$156,000 for fiscal year 2026.

We ask that you prayerfully reflect on your on-going financial contributions – an increase to your weekly contribution and an additional Christmas donation to the Parish will help us financially recover and continue the mission and ministries of St. Ignatius Parish.

Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ward
Chair, Parish Finance Council

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"Teachers found innovative ways to keep their students motivated during these challenging times."

A Year to Remember

by Jeannine Pistawka, Principal

Good evening, and thank you for attending the St. Ignatius Parish AGM. My name is Jeannine Pistawka, and I am currently in my 12th year as Principal of St. Ignatius School. It is my pleasure to present this report to our parish community. This evening, I will offer an overview of our school, reflect on highlights from the past year, and share our hopes for the year ahead. St. Ignatius School is a Pre-K to Grade 8 Catholic school. Last year, including our nursery program, our student population was 291. Our dedicated staff included 18 certified teachers, 11 educational assistants, an administrative assistant, a full-time custodian, and three part-time cleaners. We were also blessed by the continued spiritual leadership of Fr. Daryl. In addition to providing the provincial curriculum, our school offers daily religious instruction, basic French from Kindergarten to Grade 8, and a music program for Kindergarten to Grade 6. We are supported by a fulltime resource teacher and a technology specialist, and last year we received clinical services through a shared agreement with the Winnipeg School Division. Many wonderful things took place at our school this past year. Our faculty continued to grow professionally, focusing much of our professional development on implementing the Department of Education's new Framework for Learning, based on global competencies and Indigenous Education. We remain committed to providing students with innovative learning experiences, especially through technology, and our talented staff continue to deliver a high-quality and engaging educational program.

Last year, we also opened a satellite campus at the RINK Hockey Academy in Oak Bluff. This facility now houses our Grade 7 R1 Hockey Program and our Grade 8 team, which competes in the Canadian Sport School Hockey League. These two classes brought 45 new students to our school and enabled us to expand junior high programming, adding Digital Graphic Arts, Drafting and Design, Drama, and Fine Arts.



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Faith formation remains a cornerstone of our mission. All faculty members completed the “Foundations of Faith” program—an Archbishop-endorsed, five-day workshop covering Scripture, Liturgy and the Sacraments, Prayer, and Catholic morality. Our students also continue to grow in their faith. We celebrated monthly school Masses, and we prepared students for the sacraments of First Communion in Grade 2, First Reconciliation in Grade 3, and Confirmation in Grade 8. We are blessed to share these important milestones with our students and their families.

St. Ignatius School maintains a vibrant extracurricular program. We offer both developmental and competitive volleyball, basketball, and badminton for boys and girls. Our teams enjoyed successful seasons, adding new banners to our gym. Students also participated in choir and a variety of clubs, including chess, social justice, environmental club, intramurals, running club, and more. Last year, we even launched an esports club that competed at the city level.

Through our partnership with the RINK, we offered a “Learn to Skate” program and a “Hockey Skills” program, with students bused weekly to River Heights Community Centre for high-quality coaching. We also added weekly swimming lessons at Aqua Essence.

Our Social Justice Committee remained active, hosting a student market where students sold handmade crafts to raise funds for local charities such as the Humane Society and CancerCare Manitoba. They also led collections for Winnipeg Harvest, Koats for Kids, and other initiatives.

I cannot say enough about our incredible SISPAC. Their contributions included the Family Dance in October, receptions celebrating the sacraments in May, and an amazing student-centered outdoor classroom funded through their efforts. They also organized a wonderful end-of-year picnic attended by nearly 400 people—a testament to the strength of our community. At year’s end, we celebrated a heartfelt Farewell for our Grade 8 class.

The 2025–2026 school year is off to a tremendous start. This year’s Back-to-School BBQ was held on a Sunday to bring school and parish families together. With bouncers, activities for children, and the Knights tending the grill, it was a tremendous success, welcoming over 400 attendees. Nearly 200 people joined us again for the Family Dance in October. Our satellite campus continues to run smoothly, and extracurricular activities are already in full swing.

As Mrs. Logan will share, our School Board is eager to plan boldly for the future. This August, our third annual golf tournament raised nearly \$60,000—an extraordinary demonstration of the generosity of our community. The Board’s Strategic Plan is currently in development. We have already held a Town Hall to welcome input from parishioners and families, and we anticipate the plan’s completion in early spring. Early discussions include the expansion of our satellite campus and revitalization of our school building.

Above all, because our purpose is to serve God, the faith formation of our students remains our highest priority. We work to teach the four apostolic preferences: caring for our common home—through Indigenous Education and the work of our Environmental Committee—and walking with the excluded—through our social justice initiatives. We continue to seek ways to connect with the parish and broader community and to cultivate leadership in our students as we do so.

I warmly invite everyone to our magical annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m., and to our Open House on January 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

In closing, I would like to thank Fr. Daryl, Fr. Peter, the St. Ignatius School Board, SISPAC, the Golf Committee, our remarkable staff, and all our parish families who, together, make St. Ignatius School a truly wonderful place for children to learn and grow.

Thank you.





UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

By Margaret Logan

Good Evening,

Thank you for attending tonight's AGM. My name is Marge Logan, and I am the Chair of the St. Ignatius School Board of Directors. I am pleased to report that we currently have a strong team of dedicated individuals on the board. Our board members are: Malcolm Bird (Vice Chair), Jamit Dhaliwal, Alicia Dupasquier, Gosia Fazio, Celia Fergusson, Elizabeth Kazina, Trevor Klippenstein, Andrea Mancini, Rob Sokolski and Erin Webber, along with our principal Mrs. Jeannine Pistawka and Fr. Daryl Miranda. The board is committed to the future of the school and providing an outstanding Catholic education and community experience for our students. Under Mrs. Pistawka leadership, the school is a warm and welcoming place for learning, development and growth. Our teachers are dedicated to the education and development of the students, both academically and through faith formation. The teachers along with all the staff create a strong community where each child can grow to be the best version of themselves, whether that be through academics or extra-curricular options.

The school enjoys strong enrollment and almost every class is filled. I believe this is a testament to our principal, teachers, staff and the dedicated individuals who help create our school community. This past summer, though the commitment of our Educational Assistants, we were able to offer 4 weeks of summer camp during the month of July.

This was a great opportunity to use the school space, provide employment for the Educational Assistants and have children connected to the school during the summer break.



UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

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This fall the board engaged a Strategic Planner to assist in developing a new strategic plan, which will guide us over the next 5 to 10 years. To start this process, we requested feedback from our school community through surveys and had an open town hall evening. After gathering feedback, the board held a full day strategic planning session to discuss the results and discuss where the board's focus should be as we look forward and invest time and energy into future planning. We are working on innovative ideas for all students and especially our junior high students as we look to develop our next generation of leaders. We are working to understand what needs to be accomplished with the physical space to make it more accessible and accommodate the needs of

the future of education and what extra-curricular options we can provide.

The reality is we have an aging school building which is limited in its accessibility features and needs upgrades to better provide for those working and learning in the building.

With government funding capped at 50 percent of public funding and no government funding for capital projects, we are balancing the need to increase tuition to cover expenses and the ability of our families to afford an education at St. Ignatius. As well, we are mindful of our staff wages and are working to keep these as competitive as possible, so we can attract and retain the amazing teachers and staff that we have. Currently, our teachers are earning less than 85 percent of teachers in the public system.

We are also exploring ways to create a bursary program that is sustainable and will allow the school to assist families who require financial aid. We want to make sure any parish family that wants to attend our school can do so regardless of their economic resources.

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

The school is now in it's second year as the educational provider for The Rink Hockey Academy.

This provides the school with the opportunity to provide a Catholic education to the student athletes at The Rink and allows growth of our student numbers without expanding our building.

The student athletes' schedules allow them to be at the main campus once every school day cycle and for monthly events.

To assist with capital projects, the board held the 3rd annual fundraising

Golf Tournament and \$60,000 was raised for capital improvements to the school. We are very grateful to our sponsors for helping us achieve our fundraising goals. The board will host our 4th annual fundraising tournament in August 2026 at Southwood Golf and Country Club.

All members of the school and parish community are invited to attend.

More details and registration packages will be available soon.

The board is wanting to expand our alumni database. Many families are second or third generation alumni and we would like to turn to them and

all alumni to help us make the future vision of the school a reality. For anyone who is interested, the school now has a LinkedIn page and we encourage all alumni, parents and parishioners to follow our page to receive updates on the school.

In conclusion, the board would like to thank Mrs. Pistawka, our teachers, all school staff, the parish and everyone who assists in supporting our

school. It is the Board's privilege to serve the St. Ignatius community.



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