

SAINT MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING February 23, 2025

OUR IDENITTY

We are a community of Christ`s people from all walks of life, ages and backgrounds who love and worship the Risen Lord according to Anglican tradition.

OUR VISION

To be a place where one can find meaningful Christian worship in the Anglican tradition, Christian stewardship being modeled, individually and in ministry, a befriending and welcoming community, transformational teaching of the Christian faith to all ages, healing for the sick, broken, downcast and those in need, opportunities to serve Christ`s love to the community.

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AGM BISHOP'S LETTER 2025

Respectfully submitted by Bishop Helen Kennedy

Vestry Members and Congregations in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle;

As you prepare for your Annual General Meetings, I invite you to reflect on the good work done in this past year. I personally am filled with gratitude and hope for the ongoing work of sharing the Gospel across our Diocese. Your AGM is not just a formality where you receive reports, review financial statements, and do the necessary elections, it is a celebration of your collective efforts, your faithfulness, and your unwavering commitment to your communities, which reflects God's unwavering commitment to you.

This past year has brought its challenges, and there have been many; yet it has also revealed our strength and unity. Together, we have navigated obstacles and embraced opportunities for growth and outreach. From community service initiatives to spiritual enrichment programs, each parish has contributed to a tapestry of faith that binds us together.

As we look ahead, let us remember that our mission is not merely to serve our congregations but the call to love and serve our God and our neighbour is ever-present, and it is through our collective actions that we can make a positive impact in the lives of those around us.

In your meetings, please share stories of ministry in action, discuss your prayers and hopes for the coming year, and look for ways to further strengthen our diocese. Your voices and insights are invaluable. Together, we can ignite a spirit of renewal and purpose, encouraging one another to be shining lights in our neighborhoods and beyond.

Thank you for your dedication, your willingness to serve, and support your diocese.
With much prayer and abundant blessings,

+ *Helen Kennedy*

Rt Rev Helen Kennedy
Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle

REPORT OF THE RECTOR

Respectfully submitted by Canon Reverend Claude Schroeder

2024 marked the 111th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's, which we celebrated at our Dedication Festival on October 27th with a special service, roast beef lunch, and story-telling by the Rector and Wardens on the theme, "St. Mary's: Past, Present, and Future."

At that time I shared that one of the remarkable things about St. Mary's is that the form, content, and order of the prayer and worship here has remained fairly consistent throughout our 111 year history. Of course there have been some changes and adjustments and certain flexibility of application, but St. Mary's has been, and continues to be a traditional Anglican Church offering traditional Anglican worship according to The Book of Common Prayer.

But what does that mean? That we are hidebound, simply preferring the old ways to the new? That would be the definition of "traditionalism", not "traditional." The church historian, Jaroslav Pelikan explained the difference this way. Traditionalism is "the dead faith of the living." "Tradition", on the other hand, "is the living faith of the dead."

As traditional Anglicans we do not change the faith, adjust the faith, compromise the faith. We seek to live by this faith as our ancestors did, and to pass it on to others and our children. This faith is not just a matter of believing certain doctrines or engaging in certain practices. The Christian faith is a way of life. That life is a sharing, a participation in the life of God. It is characterized by the keeping of the commandments, to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and love our fellow Christians as Christ has loved us. This is a faith that expresses itself through love.

Today as I, to quote St. Paul "remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 1.3) what comes to mind? What have been some of the highlights of this past year?

I draw your attention to the Vestry report submitted by Mike Hauser, where you will see a summary of the many and varied projects that we undertook at St. Mary's this year where we completed our Lower Hall renovation and beautification project, we built upon the past success of community outreach through our Cathedral Village Arts Festival Events, the Saskatoon Berry Festival, Community Kitchen, Ploughing for People, Celebrating St. Nicholas, and Harvest Ceilidh. We celebrated the baptism of two children, the confirmation of two young adults, and supported faith formation of the congregation through the Lenten Mission and Bible Studies, "Sensible Shoes" Book Study and the Rector's Book Study "Everywhere Present: Christianity in a One Story Universe." We welcomed the Regina Latin Mass Community to our church. It's been a fulsome year with "something happening" almost every month! We have seen and experienced God's providence and grace. In the midst of all this we have shared our joys and sorrows and continued to devote ourselves to "the apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers" (Acts 2.42) by means of which we are sustained in faith, hope, and love. In the course of this last year we laid to rest beloved parishioners and faithful soldiers and servants of the Lord: Art Persson, Min Ring, and Ken Dowie. May they rest in peace, and rise in glory, and may we all be joined together with them and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

With love, prayer, and thanksgiving for our partnership in the Gospel,

Claude +

REPORT OF THE VESTRY

Respectfully submitted by Mike Hauser, People's Warden

2024 was an eventful year at St Mary's; let me begin by giving you a snapshot of some of our many activities....

February: working on lower hall renovations: Flooring, Ceiling, Kitchen, Walls, Pantry. Visit of the Bishop and Confirmation of Anya Mandziak. Lenten Mission on The Beatitudes with Dr. John Patrick and Public Lecture: What can we learn from Hippocrates. Lenten Home Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount.

March: Holy Week & Easter Celebrations including the baptism of John Schemenauer, son of Adam and Alanna, and Achan (Aykin) Deng Mayen, daughter of Nathaniel and Yar.

April: Meetings and arrangements with the Latin Mass Community. Art Persson Funeral

May: Men's BBQ, Regina Parishes Ascension Day Celebration with Archdeacon Catherine Harper- first reception in new parish hall. Church was rekeyed, rototilling work introduction and implementation, Cathedral Arts Festival: Lecture Series with Tim Long, Curator of McKenzie Art Gallery: Songs of Joy, Stories of Hope including Hymn Sing with the Rector.

June: Refurbishment Celebration Supper and Fellowship with Ethiopians in Lower Hall, Hiring of Carter Nelson in Summer Student Program

July: Ken Dowie Funeral, Saskatoon Berry Festival.

August: Regina Latin Mass Community starts holding services

September: Nat and Mary Ross 50th wedding anniversary celebration, Cathedral Community Association Breakfast hosted at St Mary's, Safe Church initiated at St Mary's

November: Harvest Ceilidh, Evensong and Carter's Confirmation Service with Bishop Helen.

December: St Nicholas Celebration, Christmas Services

This brief description only captures a portion of our year. None of this could have happened without the leadership of Claude, Vestry, the many volunteers from St Mary's and especially the Grace of God for which we are forever grateful.

REPORT OF THE WARDENS

Respectfully submitted by John McGregor Rector's Warden

It has been a tremendously busy year for the work of the wardens with many projects and challenges to be addressed. One of the most major challenges was that we were handed a bill for insurance of over \$34,000 which we could not by any stretch afford. We negotiated with the insurance company and paid for half of the year with the second half of the year taking wreckage insurance instead of full coverage. Sometimes difficult decisions have to be made, and we continue to trust the Lord for His covering of the building. We also are aware that we will need a building fund to be established for any major fixit projects.

Most of my report covers administrative issues as we worked to plan and attend events throughout the year. It was wonderful to see how our congregation pulled together to accomplish many events and worked to continue to reach out to the community. I was privileged to work with Father Claude and Mike Hauser as the executive committee and we developed a strong rapport in meeting the needs.

I spent time assisting in events like the Berry Festival and St. Nicholas Day along with the regular activities of the parish.

It was wonderful to see 120 plus names being prayed for in the lead up to the Lessons in Carols service and I continue to pray for those mentioned. This is a vital way for our parish to grow.

My role in working with the stewardship campaign was encouraging as our congregation again pledged to meet our needs. I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our congregation, together you accomplish amazing things.

LOWER HALL RENOVATION CELEBRATION WITH ST. MARY'S ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Blair Laforge

The envelope secretary issued tax receipts for a total of \$159,425 contributed in 2024. This is virtually unchanged from 2023 with a 1.6% increase. Of the 78 envelope holders and other identifiable givers, the frequency distribution of 2024 annual contributions is as follows:

Amount of Annual Donation	Number of Donors
\$1-\$99	13
\$100-\$499	21
\$500-\$999	4
\$1000-\$1999	12
\$2000-\$2999	8
\$3000-\$3999	6
\$4000-\$4999	6
\$5000-\$5999	3
\$6000 or greater	5

Total Donors: 78

Total donors increase by 2 from the previous year. At year-end, 14 parish families were participating in the direct deposit program, and 32 families have moved to e-transfer for donations and 22 used envelopes for their donations. \$1,690 was contributed to the Memorial Fund. Thank you all for your patience and co-operation. Thanks to Bill, Brenda, Len, Alanna, and Yvonne for all their help.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Respectfully submitted by Alana Schemenauer, Treasurer

Attachments include the December 31, 2024 year-end financial statements and the 2025 budget. In 2024, St. Mary's had a net loss of \$702 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$2,310. This higher-than-budgeted loss was primarily due to increased insurance expenses and ongoing lower hall renovation costs, which were partially offset by stronger-than-expected donations and rental income.

Revenue Highlights:

- **Pledges and Envelopes:** \$147,861 (an increase of \$9,000 over the prior year). Donations were lower throughout the year but saw a significant increase in December as many parishioners either increased their monthly giving or contributed for the first time.
- **Other Donations:** \$9,038, which includes unspecified donations, gifts in kind, and cash from the collection plate.
- **Transfers from Designated Funds:** Includes a \$25,000 transfer from the Rectory Trust Fund for the lower hall renovation. The remainder consists of non-cash transfers to offset depreciation from previous years' capital expenditures.
- **Rental Income:** \$28,751, up from \$20,136 in the prior year, primarily due to the arrangement with Regina Latin Mass.
- **Fundraising Income:** \$13,097, exceeding last year's amount by \$3,000. While we did not meet our \$15,000 budget target, when factoring in over \$2,000 of gifts in kind (included in fundraising expenses), we exceeded our goal on a cash basis.
 - Saskatoon Berry Festival: \$4,994
 - St. Nicholas Day: \$4,371
 - Rototilling: \$3,391
- **Interest Revenue:** \$9,322 from GICs held by St. Mary's and the Rectory Trust Fund managed by the Diocese.

Expense Highlights:

- **Building and Grounds:** \$110,390 in 2024, partially offset by the \$25,000 transfer from the Rectory Trust Fund.
 - **Maintenance and Repair Costs:** \$39,730, with approximately \$33,000 allocated to lower hall expenses.
 - **Insurance:** \$17,581, which for the second half of the year only covered wreckage insurance.
- **Parish Outreach:** \$20,407, reflecting an increased contribution towards our fair share (\$19,319, or half of the requested amount). This amount will increase in 2025 as we continue improving our ability to contribute.
- **Other Expenses:** Ministry, Worship and Christian Education, Administration, and General expenses saw only minor fluctuations in 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the church's financial position, please contact me. Thank you for your generous financial and non-financial support in 2024, and we appreciate your continued support in 2025. With ongoing generosity and careful financial management, we look forward to a stable and successful 2025.

REPORT OF THE SEXTON

Respectfully submitted by Terry Page

The sexton takes responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the Parish buildings as well as the outside property.

General Facility Maintenance. Routinely maintain lighting, door adjustments, window repairs, recording boiler operational data, lawn mowing, back lane garbage control along with arranging contract services for snow clearing, elevator maintenance, hot water heating services, hot water heater inspections, electrical issues, fire protection checks and testing, sewer line unplugging, back water check valve tests including lawn fertilizing & sprinkler care.

In addition, the church facility experienced in 2024 the following one-off activities:

1. Prepared boiler replacement costing spreadsheet from quotes received for executive consideration.
2. Removed abandoned stuff accumulated and piled above the pipe organ closet in preparation for boiler room fire barrier work
3. Arranged for boiler room fire barrier work to be performed to fire marshals' approval.
4. Final fire protection inspection performed by fire marshal to his satisfaction
5. Installed salvaged door closures on east stairwell fire doors from lower hall and sanctuary.
6. Assessed west entrance door for binding, installing a dead bolt pin for securing and limiting door over extension.
7. Arranged for rekeying four exterior church doors to one common key.
8. Remounted Faith Quest door for access control and replaced the door panel with Plexiglas for monitoring of children in the room.
9. Replaced upper hall pantry keyed lock with a combination look for controlled access
10. Replaced five door wedges with drop down door openers to hold doors open when moving items through the doors
11. Arranged for graffiti removal on the exterior NE stucco wall of upper hall kitchen.
12. Arranged for boiler water quality sample analysis and need for boiler water flushing pending vestry approval.
13. Painted window and door white trim on the church Montague side.

Each of these activities involved provides the congregation, renters and community a comfortable, presentable and safe facility in which to worship and conduct their Ministry.



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Baptism: Achan Deng Mayen & John Schemenauer

Confirmations: Anya Mandziak & Carter Nelson

Weddings: none

Burials: Min Ring, Ken Dowie & Arthur Persson



FACILITY RENTALS

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Schmidt-Sobek

We're excited to share some updates on the various groups and activities utilizing our facilities. Here's what's been happening:

1. **Ladies Choir:** The Ladies Choir has moved to a new location and did not return for the fall season. We wish them well.
2. **Regina Latin Mass:** The Regina Latin Mass community started in August 2024, continues to be well-attended and runs smoothly. Check their website for updates and service times. www.reginalatinmass.org
3. **Ethiopian Church:** The Ethiopian Church continues to hold Saturday morning services, with a growing congregation.
4. **Hibiki Drummers:** The Hibiki Drummers meet every Friday evening, adding energy to our building.
5. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** AA meetings remain a steady resource on Wednesday nights, supporting those in recovery.
6. **Open Mic:** Open Mic sessions continue to showcase local talent and creativity.
7. **City Kidz:** City Kidz will not be returning for the 2025 season.
8. **Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Sharing Circle:** This group continues monthly meetings, fostering open dialogue and reconciliation.
9. **Photo Club:** The Photo Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening.

Rental Inquiries: With the completion of the Lower Hall renovation, rental inquiries have significantly increased for both the Upper and Lower Halls, attracting a variety of events.

We are happy to support all groups using our facilities. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Income from renters in 2024		Estimated 2025 returning renters	
Karate	\$96	AA One way group	\$700
Aboriginal Potluck (Donation)	\$290	Cathedral Village Arts Festival	\$950
Regina Residential Resource center	\$400	Hibiki Taiko	\$2,640
Family Birthday	\$250	Latin Mass	\$18,000
Family Birthday	\$150	Open Mic nights	\$770
Wedding	\$415	Regina Photo Club	\$1,222
IRISH Dance Club	\$110	St.Marys Ethiopian	\$4,800
Aniversary celebration	\$160	Election 2025	\$1,500
Kitchen use	\$70		
Dogs Den Training school	\$250	Total	30582
Kitchen use (3days)	\$340		
Kitchen use	\$60		
Cultural event	\$110		
Ranch Ehrlo Society	\$250		
Sound Bath	\$110		
Music lessons	\$160		
Election Saskatchewan	\$1,500		
Birthday Party	\$110		
Christmas Celebration	\$155		
Family Gathering	\$290		
Hockey Team Building	\$90		
Total	\$5,366		

Lower Hall Renovation Preparation.



SAFE CHURCH

Respectfully submitted by Kate Berringer

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4.

The Diocesan Safe Church initiative encourages parishes to be good stewards by caring for both their property and people. It emphasizes the importance of ensuring safety and well-being, reflecting faithfulness to God's call to care for others.

Background

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle is renewing its commitment to stewardship of people and property. As Diocesan Coordinator, I am finalizing a new Safe Church assessment tool. Current resources are available here on our website: [Safe Church Resources](#).

Safe Church at St. Mary's

In 2024, I assisted the Wardens with completion of a new key holder agreement as well as a revised facility rental agreement. The Wardens also compiled a photo inventory of property in our building.

I have also requested criminal record/vulnerable sector checks for all volunteers working with vulnerable populations in the church context (children, seniors) as well as those who handle our financial records and money.

Our 2025 priorities include:

offering a more robust safety training for those working with children

revamping our incident reporting process

better caring for our volunteers, by developing position expectations and implementing a regular feedback process

ensuring that our employee contracts are properly drafted and include a regular feedback process

There are always more ways that we can work towards better caring for our property and people. We will continue to make this a priority as capacity allows. Your prayers for this ministry are very much appreciated. If you have any questions about Safe Church, please contact me anytime.

WORSHIP

ORGANIST

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Klippenstein

I continue to enjoy playing the pipe organ and grand piano at St. Mary's.

Every Sunday: The choir continues to lead Anglican Morning Prayer liturgy (Book of Common Prayer) in four part harmony at 10:00 am prior to the morning service. All are welcome to attend. The choir leads the congregation in singing the Introit Psalm, for which Tom Jameson is our regular Cantor. I encourage parishioners to sing during Communion with the choir as they lead the Communion hymns.

On May 5, Rogation Sunday, the choir sang "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" together with the children of St. Mary's, under the direction of Starr Davis. On May 23, the choir led the congregation and the community in Rev. Claude's presentation of "Hymns of Joy, Stories of Hope" during the week of the Cathedral Village Arts Festival. During the Advent Season, the choir sang the "Advent Alleluia" as the Gospel Acclamation. Several parishioners joined the choir for the Service of Lessons and Carols and for Christmas Eve to sing together an unaccompanied version of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen". It was lovely to have the extra voices.

The choir has been a most dedicated, faithful, and pleasant group to work with. Thank you to each member for their participation. St. Mary's lifts up our Songs of Thankfulness and Praise.

SERVER GUILD

Respectfully submitted by Gwyn Crozier-Smith

The two loyal Servers Lyndon and Gwyn continue to take their place at the Lord's table on Sunday mornings. We are ready and willing to assist in other worship services as required. It is so nice to have the children coming to be torch bearers on the Sundays that we have a family service.

SACRISTAN GUILD

Respectfully submitted by Gwyn Crozier-Smith

As there is only one member, I come in on a Saturday afternoon and set the Altar for Sunday mornings and change the Altar hanging for the different seasons.

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to Claude and Hilary for helping to decorate the Church for Christmas and also "Thank You Sharon" for continuing to launder the Altar linens.

COUNTING AND DEPOSITING OUR OFFERINGS

Respectfully submitted by Len Gendall

Three members of the congregation – Bill Trim, and Len and Brenda Gendall – meet each week to count the offering from the previous Sunday. We then prepare the summary sheet for the Envelope Secretary, making sure that each offering is attributed to the correct person. A copy is made for the Treasurer. Then we make up the deposit and take it to the bank. We also count the revenue from any special events such as Easter offering, the Berry Festival, and the St. Nicholas Festival – amounts that run into thousands of dollars.

While the work of this committee is not difficult, we think it time for additional members to share the workload. It's not difficult, training will be provided. If you would like to know more, talk to one of us about joining the team.

PASTORAL CARE

HOME COMMUNION

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Klemke

“You shall rise before the aged, and defer to the old; and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.”

Leviticus 19: 32

First, I would like to acknowledge Lois Martin for her years of dedicated work in taking Pastoral Care and Home Communion to so many grateful members. In 1965 she began pastoral care at St. Albans church, which became Holy Trinity church. In 1990 the bishop allowed lay people to take Home Communion to shut in folks of their parish and she began doing that. When Holy Trinity joined St. Mary's Lois carried on with her work and joined our team. Her quiet and determined application to this ministry has been inspirational to me. Thank you, Lois for all these years of spiritual giving. Bless you.

I will keep in touch with Lois at her new home, Qu'Appelle House.

Home Communion is taken to folks who would like communion and are not able to get to church. We visit hospitals, care homes and private homes. As well as taking Home Communion, we also keep in touch by pastoral care with home visits, food packages, by phone, emails, cards, church calendars and mail outs from the church for those who would like the bulletin and any meeting minutes given out (like Vestry reports and Annual Meeting minutes). At this time there are more people who just like to have a visitor, or phone visit. Communion is always available if they request it.

This lay ministry has been going on at St. Mary's for over 20 years. Thanks to Claude for his training and encouragement. Those wishing a visit or know someone who might like a visit, please call Claude or myself and it can be arranged.

COFFEE MINISTRY

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Cross

“Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints, and of the household of God.”

Sunday coffee is a welcoming time for St Mary's people. A time to have a cuppa and some cookies while visiting with each other and, if the opportunity arises, to invite newcomers to join them.

The people who stand behind the window handing out drinks with a welcome smile have made my job very easy. I am thankful for their help and co-operation.

In October, 2024 I retired and we are happy to welcome Eileen Barrie who has taken on the care of Coffee Ministry. We also welcomed on team Chelsea and Gabrielle Lashinski and Shelley Baron.

All in all it has been a special year seeing the tables filled with people enjoying themselves, hearing their laughter and watching the children playing -- it looks and feels like family.

THE GRAPEVINE: TELLING OUR STORIES SHARING OUR FAITH

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Cross and Shelley Baron

In 2024 we were able to provide 2 editions of the Grapevine. How encouraging it was to read of the many ways God shows his intimate care and love in our day to day lives, as well as when we are facing illness or the death of a loved one. Thank you for sharing your stories.

In the year ahead we hope the St. Mary's church family will continue telling their stories and sharing their faith.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPIRITUAL FORMATION

NURSERY

Respectfully submitted by Hilary Schroeder

The Good Shepherd Nursery at St. Mary's offers a welcoming place for the youngest among us — children under 3 years. Here they can engage in imaginary play, read, sing and get to know one another. The babies and toddlers would welcome new volunteer staff so that their parents are able to attend worship as much as possible, particularly since they are often leading in Worship Centre and/or Faith Quest. Thank you to office administrator, Yvonne, for scheduling and cleaning this year.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CENTRE (GODLY PLAY)

FAITH QUEST





SPECIAL EVENTS

ST. NICHOLAS

Respectfully submitted by Mike Hauser (St Nicholas Celebration co-ordinator)

Planning for this event commenced approximately on October 21st 2024. Once a “leader’s team” was selected to manage the various components of the St Nicholas Celebration, coordination of the event began to take shape. An initial meeting with the leaders was held on Nov 3rd 2024 along with donuts, with a 2nd and final meeting on Nov 24th. Leaders were given empowerment to run their areas of responsibility as they deemed appropriate in order to see this function glorify God and our Church. Primarily, challenges included new leadership coordinators and promoting the event to the public. With God’s grace our new leaders mastered their challenges, and advertising went well consisting primarily of online advertising, word of mouth, St Nicholas Banner in front of the Church, and door to door brochure deliveries. Set up commenced two days prior to the event which made things easier to manage and 1 hour prior to “doors open” on Dec 7th, Father Claude and the working team prayed together asking God for His blessing of the event. Customers were greeted at the entrance to the Church after they had inhaled the enticing aroma of an outdoor wood burning fire and barbecued sausages. In the Upper Hall they had an abundance of activities which included a beautifully decorated market. The children’s activities were well attended and so inviting that even adults were observed participating in the crafts and games. Customers were busy doing some Christmas shopping in the market, loading their shopping bags with decorations, crafts and gifts, fresh baking, preserves and other edibles. In the lower hall customers were drawn to the smell of a slow brewing spicy Scentsy pot and a beautiful Christmas Café with fresh baking and hot and cold beverages. The hall was decorated beautifully with green and red table coverings, a Christmas tree, table centers and Christmas decorations. Along with the smells, came also the sounds of local talent beautifully singing praise songs. Outdoors, visitors could enjoy the beautiful weather sitting on bales of straw around a roaring camp fire and indulge in smoked sausage on a bun, potato chips and a beverage.

The “Signs and Wonders” Church tours led by Fr. Claude showed our guests how the church’s structure, furniture and architecture both reveal and points us to Jesus. Finally a Vesper service was held, including a talk with the children from St Nicholas, played by Simon Elkin. Afterwards the children were excited to find their shoes, left in the Narthex before the service, were now filled with chocolate coins, candies and oranges.

There were approximately 228 attendees including 38 workers. The majority of the customers heard of our event through word of mouth and brochures, followed by Facebook advertising and those who saw the St. Nicholas banner. We raised over \$4,400, and my sincere thanks once again go to all the leaders, and helpers and all the prayers which made the 2024 St Nicholas Festival a great success.

Our neighbours continue to see the efforts St Mary’s provides in opening our doors for worship and fellowship.



SASKATOON BERRY FESTIVAL



ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HARVEST CEILIDH

Respectfully submitted by Canon Claude Schroeder

The Vision and purpose of the Harvest Ceilidh was to community outreach, to gather the generations, cultivate friendships, support local musicians and traditional cultural forms, and to celebrate the Harvest and experience the joy of embodied existence!

The event was advertised by word of mouth of parishioners, social media, posters, Facebook event, Lakeview Community Association Outdoor sign, and Cathedral neighbourhood Association social media.

Tickets were \$20 adult, children free, and \$50.00 family.

The ceilidh was attended by approximately 30 adults and 11 children from St. Mary's and 35 adults and 12 children from the community.

Emily Dubois from Flatland Fiddlers called the dance and was supported by a team of musicians on mandolin, guitar, keyboard, and fiddle.

The supper consisted of homemade chili, panini buns, Hot Dogs, with cookies, baking and pie for dessert.

The volunteers and workers of the ceilidh consisted of:

Organization/ Coordinator: Claude Schroeder

Advertising: Terrance Williamson.

Set Up/ Decoration: Claude Schroeder, Mike Hauser, John McGregor, Sharon Klemke

Chili Cooks: Shelley Baron, Claude Schroeder, Sharon Klemke, Brenda Gendall, Yvonne Schmidt-Sobek, Marie-France Menc, Roberta McGregor, Alanna & Heather Schemenauer, Yasmin Burgan, Janice Kerr

Greeters: John and Roberta McGregor

Kitchen Crew: Clara & Alvin Der, Katherine Gilks, Lyndon Luu

Ticket Sales came to \$1640.00 with expenses of \$894.00. Cost of chili was born by the chili cooks. It was a happy evening as adults and children enjoyed an evening of live music and dancing.



OUTREACH/CITY MINISTRIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

CANADA JOBS SUMMER STUDENT PROJECT

Respectfully submitted by Canon Claude Schroeder

St. Mary's once again applied for and received a grant from the Federal Government to hire a summer student for approximately 9 weeks at 30 hours a week at a rate of \$14.10/hour. The job opportunity was duly advertised in the parish and two applications were received. The interviewing committee comprising of Vestry members, Katherine Gilks and Derek Elliott interviewed both candidates and recommended that Carter Nelson be hired. Carter's areas of work included: 1. Clerical support in office 2. Organizing and leading the Children's Summer Program on Sunday mornings 3. Assisting with promotion, organization and execution of the Saskatoon Berry Festival 4. Groundskeeping and assisting the Sexton, Terry Page, in conducting maintenance on the building. Carter's work was carried out under the supervision of the Rector with mentoring and support from Terry Page, and John McGregor.



NEW HORIZONS SENIORS COOKING GROUP

Respectfully submitted by Simon Elkin

The Community Kitchen is an outreach program specifically designed to encourage participants of all ages and abilities to:

- Prepare and cook meals in a community setting
- Build skills and knowledge
- Foster relationships
- Combat social isolation
- Contribute to healthy aging and aging in place

The success of this program would not have been possible if not for the help and assistance from our brothers and sisters in Christ from Rockbridge Alliance Church and our very own Grace Tubello.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN ROTO-TILLING

Respectfully submitted by Simon Elkin

S.M.A.R.T. is a St. Mary's Church outreach program based out of the gardens of Grow Regina on 3500 Queen Street. The outreach program is designed to:

- Foster and build relationships in the Grow Regina community
- Show the love of Christ through servanthood
- Activate the Christian community within the Church
- Build strong bonds and lasting relationships within St. Mary's
- Provide low cost tilling services to gardeners at Grow Regina

Last year's outreach (2024) proved to be quite challenging for a number of reasons which meant lower revenue (Approx. \$1700).

A big thankyou to all those parishioners and their families that volunteered countless hours to keep the program going.



CATHEDRAL VILLAGE ARTS FESTIVAL OUTREACH

Respectfully submitted by Canon Claude Schroeder

This year St. Mary's offerings at the Cathedral Village Arts Festival comprised of the following: May 21/22: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Lecture Series: "But now I See': Transformative Moments in Art and Architecture". Timothy Long, Curator of the Mackenzie Art Gallery spoke on how his encounters with artworks and architectural spaces have shaped his understanding of art, faith, and life. He wrote,

"My idea was to focus on specific encounters – a kind of travel diary of sorts. The buildings I'd like to talk about, with slides, include Canterbury Cathedral, Le Corbusier's St. Pierre in the French mining town of Firminy, Santa Costanza in Rome, Stams Cathedral in Austria where I had a vision that connected baroque architecture to Sitting Bull's robe (ribs of stone, ribs of bison), and for local interest, I might throw in Clifford Wiens' outdoor chapel at Silton. For painting, I want to talk about Giotto's Scrovegni chapel, Rembrandt's self-portraits, Manet's Philosophers series, Rouault's crucifixion, Allen Sapp's The Powwow, and perhaps Erica Grimm's coracles. I've been thinking increasingly about Indigenous models of the aesthetic which I hope can be discussed profitably in relation to models coming from the Christian west, hence my desire to throw Sitting Bull and Sapp into the mix. I might have to pare down a bit when I get to writing, but that's the general direction."

May 23, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. “The Story, The Poem, and the Hymn.” The Revd. Claude Schroeder and the choir of St. Mary’s hosted an evening of story-telling, poetry reading, and singing by way of discovery of the back story and origin behind some of our familiar and much loved hymns.

May 25, 3:00 - 5.00 p.m. Coffee House at St. Mary’s Anglican Church with local recording artists Glenn Sutter, and “Empire Associates.” Coffee, muffins, carrot cake, and cinnamon buns were available for purchase



WORLD VISION

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Schmidt-Sobek

If you would like to send Jonathan a message or gift, please contact Yvonne in the office or email stmarysanglican@sasktel.net so Yvonne can set you up with the World Vision website login.

Here is a message from Jonathan, written with the help of a community member:

“I live with my parents. I have one sister. I am too young to help at home with chores. I like to play with toy cars. I am in good health. I like Mangos they grow in our community, and I love to play soccer with my friends.”



Our World Vision child Jonathan Matias 3 years old

NEWCOMER/REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by Nathaniel Athian Deng Mayen

The Newcomer and Refugee Committee (NARC) exists to create a positive welcoming environment for newcomers both to Canada and to our parish. The team have been busy at individual capacities to support the newcomers to the parish, that is, fulfilling the commission to contribute to the needs of the saints and extend hospitality to the strangers (Romans 12:13).

Much support was dedicated to the immigrant families. I wholeheartedly appreciate Beth, Janice and Lorna for their undivided support for the families of Mapiou and Ahou (Elizabeth) and Amor with transportation and search for employment opportunities. Beth continues to provide transportation on Sundays and other days for worship at St. Mary's to Ahou and our new South Sudanese family of Adel (Deborah) whose daughter has found a home at St. Mary's. Through Lorna's and Janice's support, Elizabeth secured employment with Loblaw. Elizabeth works full-time to support her family. Lorna assisted Amor with employment and she is happily working part-time with the Westcare Facility Services at Cornwall Mall since May 2024.

These are the few blessings to highlight for the year and thank God for his gift of good health, friendship and employment. We look forward to more blessings as the families of Mapiou and Elizabeth and Daniel and Mary prepare for the baptism of their children before Lent 2025.



FOREVER IN MOTION SENIOR EXERCISE

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Schmidt-Sobek

I'm excited to share that our group is growing, and the energy has never been better! Our new members are loving the music and vibrant atmosphere, and everyone—old and new—is having a blast.

We meet every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 AM for a fun, supportive session that focuses on endurance, strength, balance, and flexibility. Whether you prefer sitting or standing, all fitness levels are welcome!

Best part? It's totally free!

Feel free to email me at yvonne.sobek@outlook.com for more info. I'd love for you to join us!

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church
Draft Statement of Operations
for the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2024 budget	2023
Revenues			
Pledges and Envelopes	147,861.00	137,000.00	138,952.85
Other Donations	9,037.65	7,500.00	10,534.96
Transfers from Designated Funds	40,188.74	16,697.00	35,208.61
Rental Income	28,751.00	25,000.00	20,136.00
Net Fundraising	13,096.65	15,000.00	10,010.72
Anglican Foundation Grant	-	-	9,000.00
Interest	9,321.90	1,553.00	10,938.75
Other	939.51	-	671.57
Total Revenues	249,196.45	202,750.00	235,453.46
Expenses			
Church Property	110,390.37	72,171.00	107,902.51
Ministry – Rector	86,753.40	87,874.00	84,696.76
Parish Outreach	20,406.56	20,408.00	11,087.96
Worship and Christian Education	14,206.91	15,050.00	14,221.75
Administration	13,519.82	14,476.00	11,018.22
General	4,621.08	5,000.00	4,216.63
Total Expenses	249,898.14	214,979.00	233,143.83
Operating Profit/Loss for the Year	-701.69	-12,229.00	2,309.63

2024 Fundraising Events

Event	Revenue	Expense	Profit
Rototilling	3,960.00	568.56	3,391.44
Cathedral Village Arts Festival	227.53	141.11	86.42
Saskatoon Berry Festival	20,807.05	15,813.48	4,993.57
Ceilidh	1,310.00	1,055.96	254.04
St. Nicholas Day	5,182.94	811.76	4,371.18
Total	31,487.52	18,390.87	13,096.65
In-Kind Donations (included in fundraising expenses)			2,045.63
Total Cash			15,142.28

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church
Draft Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	73,816.30	75,934.83
GST Receivable	2,687.34	1,214.31
Total Current Assets	76,503.64	77,149.14
Non-Current Assets		
Capital Assets	141,608.36	156,797.10
Investments	126,263.97	115,236.41
Diocese of Qu'Appelle Receivable	81,088.45	104,358.54
Total Non-Current Assets	348,960.78	376,392.05
	425,464.42	453,541.19
Total Assets		
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	11,449.02	17,676.64
Altar Guild Fund	900.00	900.00
Christmas Advent Fund	210.00	0.00
Easter & Thanksgiving Fund	30.00	70.00
Miscellaneous Fund	130.00	180.00
New Horizons Community Kitchen Fund	6,485.23	3,814.27
PWRDF Fund	100.00	0.00
Refugee Support Fund	8,038.50	-53.32
Total Current Liabilities	27,342.75	22,587.59
Non-Current Liabilities		
Capital Fund	125,395.75	83,281.93
Evangelical Trust Fund	10,057.46	10,939.96
Nancy Bailey Bursary Educ Fund	1,241.35	2,214.25
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,099.86	1,289.16
Rectory Trust Deferred Revenue	136,807.36	150,488.10
Rectory Trust Fund	78,119.89	143,019.78
Total Non-Current Liabilities	352,721.67	391,233.18
Total Liabilities	380,064.42	413,820.77
Equity	45,400.00	39,720.42
Total Liabilities and Equity	425,464.42	453,541.19