



Easter 2025

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My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Holy Comforter Financial Report for the first half of the 2025 fiscal year is presented here. Operating costs continue to rise, so it is necessary for our parish families to contribute about \$40 per week. Thanks to your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, our parish share receipts were over \$10,000, which greatly enhanced our available funding. Please know how much your financial support is needed, especially at this time.

I am so grateful to the devoted volunteers of our Worship Ministry who continue to bless us with their tireless work to beautify our liturgies and bring God's blessings and the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. We extended the number of Holy Hours available to you during the week and presented the Nine Lessons & Carols concert during advent, joined this year by students from the newly founded Chesterton Academy. We have seen growth in our Server and Lector Ministries and our ushers continue to ensure our liturgies are celebrated properly, reverently, and safely. I ask you to consider how God may be calling you to serve His Church and our parish in one of these important ways.

We started another wonderful year with 36 children in Vacation Bible School. At Charlottesville Catholic School (CCS) the theme was "Come, Holy Spirit!" led by our energetic and Godly catechist, Sherry Schemmel. There are 25 young parishioners enrolled in Children's and High School Christian Formation with six children preparing for First Sacraments and two teens for Confirmation. Please pray for all of them, as well as the three adults discerning in RCIA! Our Advent and Christmas traditions included the St. Nicholas Celebration with over 55 children in attendance with their families. The Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant was extra special this year. A very talented parishioner surprised us with all new costumes she lovingly handmade over a period of several months. Our parish is blessed beyond measure!

The Outreach Ministry staff and volunteers continue to serve many community members. There were 1,043 grocery bags distributed to 2,700 individuals Monday-Wednesday; and 1,741 meals were served on Thursdays. Students at CCS provided home baked breads and members of Congregation Beth Israel donated desserts for our soup kitchen. In December you donated toys and gifts for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree and Stocking Stuffer programs, and we opened our dining space for the women staying overnight in PACEM. Your contributions and financial support to our Social Ministries have sustained us and enabled us to support the people of Haiti, Uganda, and elsewhere across the globe, as well as the good works of IMPACT, and the St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference right here at home.

I am humbled by the stewardship on display and grateful for the hard work of our staff and dedicated ministry volunteers who can continue our service to you, our church family, local communities, and others in need. May God bless you abundantly.

Yours in service to our Lord,

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, Pastor

Parish Finance Council: Gary Krutul (Chair), Peter Zinman (Vice Chair), Peter Frazier (Recording Secretary), James Allen, Greg Gerling, Bonnie Mackin

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
Semi-Annual Report
July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Offertory Collections	226,790	236,600
Charity and Outreach	27,804	28,000
Grants, Fees and Other Income	22,982	18,600
Repair & Maintenance Fund	10,697	7,500
Investment Income	22,750	18,000
TOTAL INCOME	311,022	308,700
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
General Parish Operations	131,364	129,428
Liturgy and Worship	40,442	41,382
Faith Formation and Evangelization	28,444	28,712
Charity and Outreach	42,449	35,706
Facilities	47,744	46,984
Diocesan Assessments	43,428	44,489
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	333,871	326,700
 OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	 (22,849)	 (18,000)
Transfers from Investment Fund	50,000	18,000
NET INCOME (LOSS)	27,151	(0)
 FUNDS ON HAND	 <u>12/31/2024</u>	 <u>6/30/2024</u>
Cash in Bank	69,490	69,356
Investment Account	1,774,854	1,715,636
Diocese Master Fund	115,098	109,128
Building Fund	232,135	224,754
Unrealized Gains on Investment Fund	120,554	199,547
Transfers from Investment Fund	50,000	30,000
Capital Additions-HVAC	36,248	-

