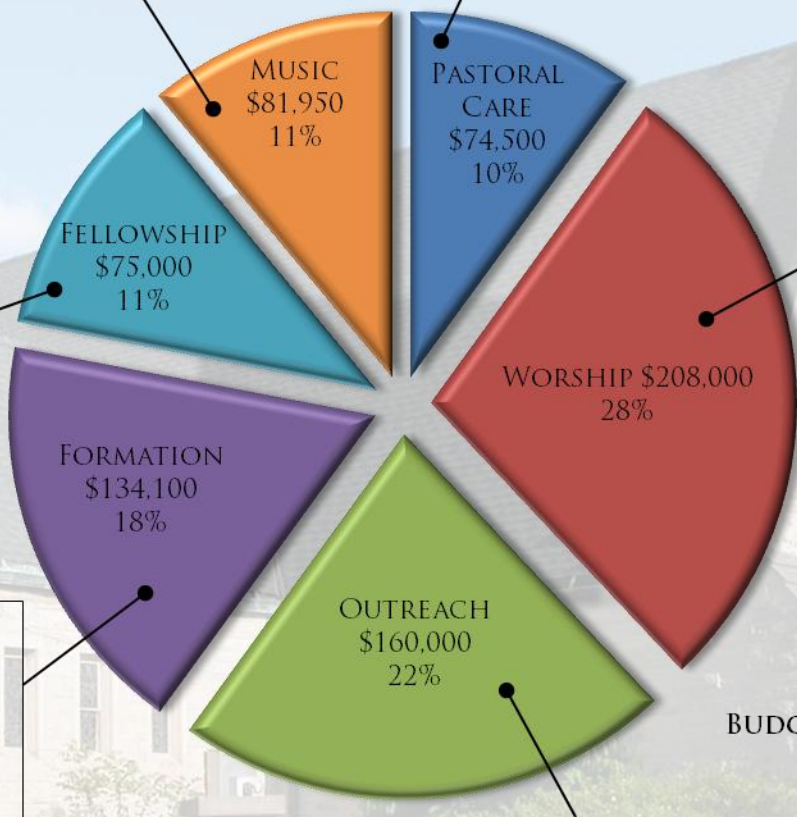


MUSIC. OUR ACCOMPLISHED ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR, THE BEAUTIFUL WALKER ORGAN, AS WELL AS THE ADULT AND YOUTH CHOIRS, ARE REASONS MUSIC IS ONE OF OUR MOST CENTRAL MINISTRIES. THIS FALL WE HAVE FORMED A CHILDREN'S CHOIR WHICH ALREADY HAS OVER 12 YOUNGSTERS PARTICIPATING. OUR MUSIC PROGRAM AND THE SPECIAL CONCERTS CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WORSHIP, TO OUR OWN WELL BEING AND TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

PASTORAL CARE. THIS CATEGORY DESCRIBES HOW WE MINISTER TO AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. MARIAGE PREPARATION, PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELING, PRAYER CHAIN AND CHAPEL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS, THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY AND FUNERAL RECEPTIONS ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE PROVIDE SPIRITUAL SUPPORT AND CARE. OUR PRAYER GROUP MEETS EVERY TUESDAY TO PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PARISH PRAYER LIST.

FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES THE WAYS IN WHICH WE DEVELOP AND FURTHER OUR RELATIONSHIPS AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH. THE ANNUAL PICNIC, HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS, WOMEN TO WOMEN AND THE MEN'S GROUP ARE JUST SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF HOW WE SOCIALIZE OUTSIDE OF WORSHIP. CONTINUING THIS YEAR IS OUR SUPPER BOWL SHUFFLE, AND THE NURTURERS OF VERY ACTIVE (NOVA) GROUP FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN.

FORMATION. ALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ADULT EDUCATION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, BLYTHE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS, BASEMENT BOYS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS, CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN LENT AND ADVENT, AND SERMONS, ARE WAYS IN WHICH WE CONTINUE TO LEARN ABOUT AND GROW IN OUR FAITH. WE ALSO OFFER BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS, AN INQUIRER'S CLASS, A SECOND TRACK OF ADULT EDUCATION ON SUNDAY, AND AN EXPANDED PARENT'S DAY OUT THAT IS NOW FIVE DAYS A WEEK.



WORSHIP INCLUDES THE TIME WE SPEND PRAISING GOD, IN OR OUT OF OUR SANCTUARY, IN ALL SERVICES DURING THE YEAR. THOSE IN THE PEWS, USHERS, SUB-DEACONS, CHALICE BEARERS, LAY READERS AND THE ALTAR GUILD WORK OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ALL CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WORSHIP. IN ADDITION TO OUR TWO SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST ON SUNDAY, WE OFFER A HOLY EUCHARIST ON WEDNESDAYS AT NOON, PRAYER ON FRIDAY, AND EVENSONG ON SUNDAY.

OUTREACH INCLUDES ALL OF OUR MISSION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES. OUR FOCUS MINISTRIES INCLUDE CATHEDRAL SHELTER CHRISTMAS BASKETS, GLEN ELLYN FOOD PANTRY, PADS, ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL, BOY SCOUTS, AND BRIDGE COMMUNITIES. OUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DIOCESE OF CHICAGO SUPPORTS THE OUTREACH OF THE WIDER CHURCH. ON THE GLOBAL LEVEL, WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COMPANION PARISH OF SAN MARCOS IN SOUTHEAST MEXICO, AND WE ALSO SUPPORT CANON ANDREW WHITE IN IRAQ AND THE MCGREGORS IN KENYA AND MADAGASCAR. ST MARK'S IS A COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE GLEN ELLYN AREA. WE ARE A CENTER OF ACTIVITY SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, HOSTING PARENT'S DAY OUT, AA GROUPS, BOY SCOUT TROOP 44 AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS.