



St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

2027 Narrative Budget

Grateful Hearts, Giving Hands

As we look toward 2027, we give thanks for the life and ministry we share at St. Mary Magdalene. God has blessed us with a parish community that continues to grow in energy, spirit, and purpose, and we look forward with grateful hearts to the ways God is calling us to deepen our faith, strengthen our ministries, and open our doors wider to those seeking a spiritual home.

This budget is more than an accounting of numbers. It is a reflection of our shared life and the ways our gifts become ministry. Each pledge, each offering, and each act of service is an expression of gratitude for God's abundant grace and a tangible way we place our gifts into God's hands for the work of the Church.

Our theme for 2027, Grateful Hearts, Giving Hands, reminds us that stewardship begins with gratitude. We give because God has first given so generously to us. With grateful hearts, we recognize the blessings we have received; with giving hands, we offer our time, our talent, and our treasure so that God's work may continue through St. Mary Magdalene.

I. Worship & Pastoral Care (\$79,798)

At the center of our life together is worship, the heartbeat of our parish. It is here that we gather week by week to offer thanks and praise, to hear the Word proclaimed, to share the Sacrament, and to be renewed for service in the world. Worship is where we encounter the living God and are shaped as followers of Jesus.

You will notice an increase in both the clergy and music ministry lines. These increases include a cost-of-living adjustment for all our staff, as well as the new required minimum compensation for deacons and mileage reimbursement for Dcn. Brock as he makes pastoral visits on behalf of the parish. We have also included funding for both clergy to attend clergy conference. We have paid for clergy conference in the past; this year, we have simply

separated that expense into its own budget line so that it is more clearly reflected in our budget.

Area	2026	2027	Difference
Clergy Leadership	\$40,050	\$42,730	+\$2,680
Music Ministry	\$32,300	\$33,268	+\$968
Worship Supplies	\$3,700	\$3,800	+\$100

II. Faith Formation (\$1,900)

Formation is where faith takes root and grows. It is how we come to know God more deeply and discern how to live out our faith. In 2027, we continue our commitment to lifelong Christian formation by investing in children, youth, and adult ministries, helping people of every age grow in faith and discover the gifts God has given them.

You'll notice that these line items have mostly stayed the same. Expenses for children's and youth ministry have been consistently in line with the budget, so we have kept those amounts unchanged. Adult formation, however, has consistently come in under budget, so we have reduced that line accordingly for 2027.

Area	2026	2027	Difference
Children's Ministry	\$400	\$400	0
Youth Ministry	\$1,000	\$1,000	0
Adult Formation	\$1,000	\$500	-\$500

III. Community Life (\$10,400)

St. Mary Magdalene is a church where people find belonging. In 2027, we continue investing in ministries that build and strengthen community, both within and beyond our walls. These gifts support hospitality, leadership, and our partnerships with the wider Church, helping us extend to others the welcome we have received.

The expenses associated with these ministries remain at the same level as in 2026, allowing us to continue this work without increasing the cost.

Area	2026	2027	Difference
Hospitality	\$1,000	\$1,000	0
Leadership	\$500	\$500	0
Diocesan Support	\$7,700	\$7,700	0
Miscellaneous	\$1200	\$1,200	0

IV. Stewardship of Our Home (\$111,050)

Our church campus is a sacred trust, a gift that allows every other ministry to flourish. In 2027, we continue to care for these physical and financial resources by maintaining our facilities, meeting our financial commitments, and ensuring our spaces remain welcoming and ready for ministry.

This year's budget includes some increases in these areas, including funding for regular cleaning services that were previously covered by an anonymous gift. By including these expenses in our budget, we can faithfully plan for the ongoing care of our church home. Stewardship of our home is one of the ways our giving hands make ministry possible

Area	2026	2027	Difference
Office Expenses	\$4,925	\$6,250	+\$1,325
Insurance	\$12,500	\$12,800	+\$300
Operating & Maintenance	\$46,200	\$50,000	+\$3,800
Mortgage Interest	\$36,893	\$37,000	+\$107
Sexton	—	\$5,000	+\$5,000

Notes Payable (\$20,400)

Area	2026	2027	Difference
Mortgage Principal	\$12.876	\$13,000	+124
Diocesan Loans	\$7,400	\$7,400	0

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Our 2027 budget reflects both gratitude for what God has already done and faithfulness in responding to what God is calling us to do next. Budgeted expenses total \$203,148 directly supporting ministry through these four pillars. When mortgage principal and diocesan note payments (\$20,400) are included, our total ministry investment rises to **\$223,548**. Our stewardship goal for 2027 is to reach **\$194,948** in pledged giving, a tangible expression of our shared commitment to the ministry God has entrusted to us.

Every pledge matters. Every gift tells a story. Together, our gifts become the worship, formation, community, and care that sustain the life of St. Mary Magdalene. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for God's generosity; with giving hands, we offer what we have received so that others may know the love of Christ through this parish.

Grateful Hearts, Giving Hands. We give thanks for God's abundant generosity, and we offer our gifts in return so that St. Mary Magdalene may continue to worship faithfully, grow in faith, welcome others, serve our community, and share the good news of Jesus.