



 St. Aidan
Anglican Church

NARRATIVE BUDGET

2026

PRIEST'S INTRODUCTORY WORDS

The cover picture, taken by Rhoda Cairns at our Advent retreat last December, captures the beautiful and intricate work that God's Spirit continues to accomplish at St Aidan, Moose Jaw.

God's Grandeur, one of Gerard Manley Hopkins' finer sonnets opens:

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed.

Hopkins wants his readers to recognize the infinite ways in which God accomplishes his work in creation – from the dazzling and obvious to the delicate and easy to miss. Rhoda's photo captures the latter.



At the Advent retreat, we shared a prayer exercise in which each of the participants was given a small “prayer” bowl. Each person came up and, after receiving a little water in their bowl, was signed with fragrant chrisem oil and encouraged to remember their baptism. Then I poured a few drops of the oil on the surface of the water in their bowl to help them remember as they prayed. When they had finished praying, they brought their bowls to the front and poured the contents into a large basin placed on the altar. It was a moving scene as people returned to the altar and the basin slowly filled with the combined water and oil – a visible and fragrant sign of the prayers of God's people mingling together.

Then Rhoda “saw” the beauty of the three panels of the Ascension window reflected in the water and oil. If that was not enough, when she enlarged the image, each of the circles of oil, no matter how large or small, contained the entirety of the image of the Ascension window!

What an evocative picture of life at St Aidan: as the Spirit of God invites us to live out our baptismal covenant with each other, as we pray that God's kingdom would come in our midst, as the oil of God's Spirit softens our hearts and heals our wounds, as we gather in worship and move out in ministry, the light of God's glory is being shed abroad in our world – sometimes “flaming out like shining from shook foil” and sometimes “gathering to a greatness like the ooze of oil crushed.”

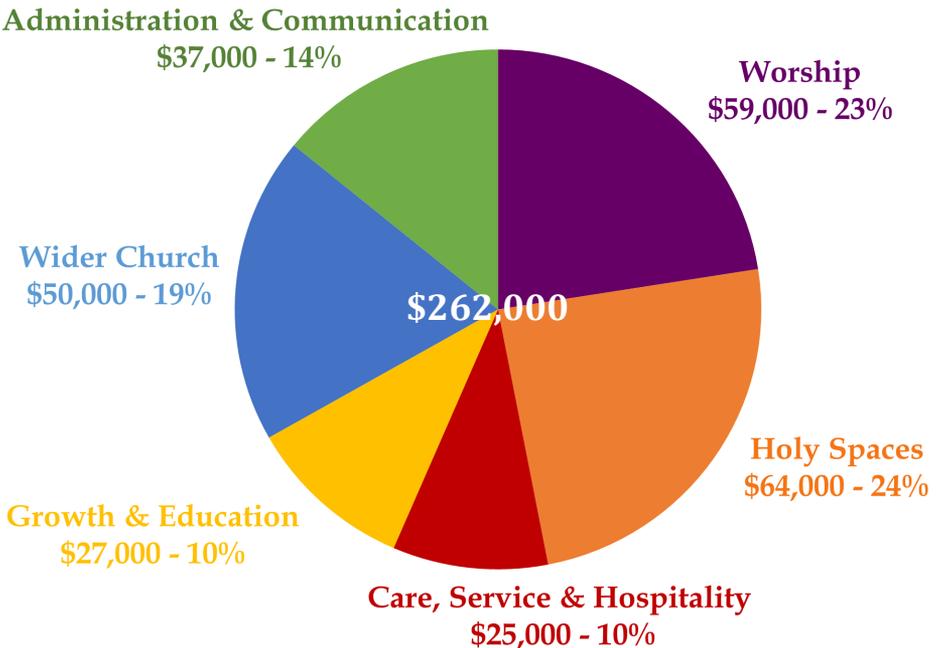
In dazzling and quiet ways, God's Spirit is present in our midst. This year's narrative budget invites us to recognize God's work on our behalf and encourages us to give the Lord thanks and praise.

2026 EXPENSE BUDGET SUMMARY

When we gather, it is most often for the liturgy. That word, liturgy, has come to mean a particular kind of structured approach to worship. The word itself, however, points us in a slightly different direction. It comes from two Greek words which, combined, mean the service (or the work) of the people. We gather to serve God together—in worship. The very God who works on our behalf!

This narrative budget helps us see glimpses of our service and work (which includes fun!) through pictures, words, and some simple financial information. It highlights what we have been blessed with and what we need as we continue serving God together.

Note: for detailed financial information see the 2025 Annual Report.



WORSHIP

*O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! (Psalm 95:6)*

When we gather together using one of our Anglican liturgies, we are coming together to serve God in worship together. We most often do this at Sunday morning services. Some gather for weekday Morning Prayer and Eucharist. As we serve together in worship, our Priest-in-charge, Fr. Cal, plays a particular role in that work. He has agreed to dedicate 24 hours/week to it and other priestly duties. We are paying him a stipend and housing allowance to free him for this work. He and a few guest priests will continue to preside over our Eucharistic services, while Deacon Arleen and lay leaders, including our musicians, also help us with our collective liturgical service.



23%

In 2026, \$59,000 of St. Aidan's total budgeted expenses or 23 cents out of every \$1 you give will be dedicated to our corporate worship (this gives room for a full-time incumbent to join us).

HOLY SPACES

*Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)*

Our building is designed to point us to our triune God and it's the primary place where our corporate worship and ministry occur. It's a counterculturally inefficient place of beauty set aside to aid us in reorienting ourselves toward God. In a world of screens, we are blessed by this expansive place that invites our physical presence and reminds us through design and beauty that we are part of something real that is bigger than us. The care and maintenance of the grounds and building reflect the importance of the physical aspects of worship.

In addition to our regular maintenance in 2026, we hope to invest in refinishing our nave floor, both High St doors, and repairing the tower roof.



24%

In 2026, \$64,000 of St. Aidan's total budgeted expenses or 24 cents out of every \$1 you give will be dedicated to maintaining our Holy Spaces with funds also being drawn from the Capital Fund for projects.



CARE, SERVICE AND HOSPITALITY

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

Our parish service and work extends to those who are unable to join us in our building or who need godly support in the midst of the realities of daily life—including Eucharist and Bible studies. In situations of acute need, practical and financial support is arranged whenever possible. In times of death and loss, funeral ministry and bereavement support is provided.

We exercise hospitality through parish coffee after services, parish celebrations (e.g., Agape Meal, Easter Vigil, Fall Fest, Gaudete Party), and our Outreach Meal Program. Less visible, but critical in a culture of isolation, is the hospitality extended to one another. We also give to local organizations who provide community care (Hope Ministries and Transition House in 2025).



In 2026, \$25,000 of St. Aidan's total budgeted expenses or 10 cents out of every \$1 you give will be dedicated to our ministries of care, hospitality and service. Additionally, external funding is in place for our Outreach Meals.



THE WIDER CHURCH

*[Y]ou will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.
(Acts 1:8)*

Our “Fair Share” is one of the primary ways we express our commitment to mission and communion in worship with the church universal. In particular, our Fair Share helps sustain mission and development within our diocese.

Further, it helps support and sustain mission and development within our nation, including the ministry of the Council of the North with our indigenous peoples.



Our Fair Share also supports mission more broadly through Alongside Hope – the Anglican Church of Canada’s agency for sustainable development and relief.

Recognizing the challenges facing many in our diocese, the 2026 diocesan budget was developed with a negligible increase to the fair share payments required from the parishes.



In 2026, \$50,000 of St. Aidan’s total budgeted expenses or 19 cents out of every \$1 you give will be dedicated to the Diocese of Qu’Appelle and the wider church.

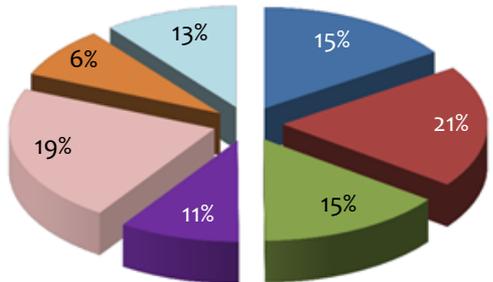


Diocese of Qu’Appelle

2026 Budget

% by area

- Synod Office Building
- Wider Church
- Parish Support
- Operations
- Min Dev & Support
- Christian Formation
- Communications



GROWTH AND EDUCATION

*[We must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.
(Ephesians 4:15b)*

The Holy Spirit invites us to respond to Christ in increasing measure. As we, the body members, are shaped by the head, Christ, we grow in his likeness. In 2026, we are blessed to participate in growth and education with opportunities like:

- ✦ Prayer and Bible study.
- ✦ Renewed youth ministry – a group of 4 young adults will provide leadership.
- ✦ Godly Play for children ages 4 to grade 5.
- ✦ The Nursery for children ages 1-3 years.
- ✦ Moms & Tots for mothers and their pre-school children.
- ✦ Retreat(s) and other opportunities to gather to be transformed.

10%

In 2026, \$27,000 of St. Aidan's total budgeted expenses or 10 cents out of every \$1 you give will be dedicated to our ministry of growth and education with additional funds being drawn from our Children & Youth Fund to support ministries to our younger parishioners.



ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION

*[S]erve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
(1 Peter 4:10)*

Our vibrant parish requires several members with gifts that put the metaphorical wheels on the work and service dreams God gives us. We see these gifts in evidence every time financial reports are produced, a ministry schedule is created, donation receipts are issued, programs are started and sustained. The breadth of contribution is astounding.

We pay a full-time Parish Administrator (Michelle) whose role it is to support the clergy and ministries of St. Aidan, and oversee facility care, record keeping, and financial processes. The focused administration facilitates the smooth gathering of our church body in worship services and events and some meaningful connection in between.

For 2026, we recognize there are extra needs as we continue without a full-time Incumbent.



In 2026, \$37,000 of St. Aidan's total budgeted expenses or 14 cents out of every \$1 you give, along with significant effort, will be dedicated to communication and administration.





1 BAPTISED



2

CONFIRMED



SERVICES OF WORSHIP



Complines at
Johnson's



48 Sunday
Holy Eucharist
Services



Week Day
Morning Prayer



Care Home
Services



Mid-week
Eucharist

3 STARS OF THE INCUMBENT SEARCH



JESUS



COMMITTEE



FR. CAL

4,100 OUTREACH LUNCHES



37 lunch makers, 9 egg boilers
8 teams, 5 bakers
4 coordinators,
many grateful people

\$276,200 GIVEN*



INCREASE FROM 2024

***Includes Roof donations**

**No full-time Incumbent =
lower expenses**



**7 MUSIC
TEAMS**

+ occasional choir

And 8 *fantastic* tech ministers

2 RETREATS



**Lent:
Friendship with
Jesus**

**Advent:
Prepare Your
Hearts**

**PARISH HALL ROOF
REPLACED**



**3 LITTLE BOOKS
2 LITTLE PODS**



PARISH GATHERINGS



**Potato
Postulancy
Party**



**Say Yes!
to Kids**



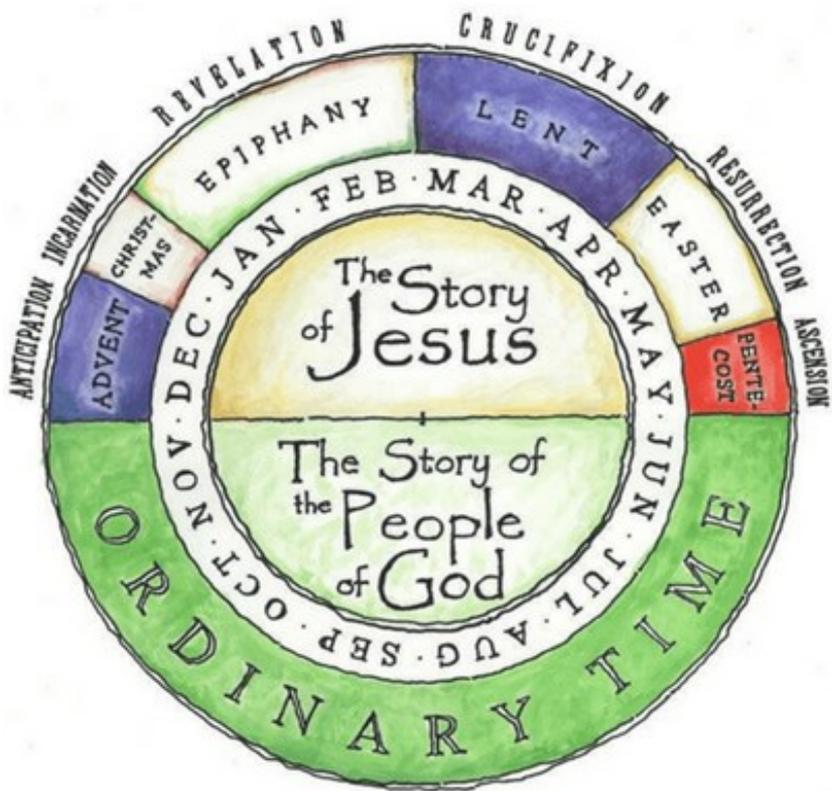
**Roof
Fundraiser**



**Fall
Fest**



**Gaudete
Party**



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