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Financials Update for the First Five Months of 2026

The below chart provides financial information to show the parish income and expenses for the first five months of 2026. Income includes offertory collections and other sources of income, such as votive candles, repair and maintenance, Masses, gift shop purchases. Expenses include bills to pay (e.g. gas, hydro, water, phone), salaries, property taxes, church and altar supplies, office supplies, etc.

The expenses include $9,968 relating to the new camera security system for which we received a $7,500 government grant the prior year.

Excluded from the expenses will be any construction costs for the new Church steps.

Parish Financials Overview: January – May 2026

Income	$85,981
Expenses	$103,856
Net Loss	($17,875)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Gregory the Great
Roman Catholic Church

7 Church Street
Picton, ON K0K 2T0
(613) 476-6276
www.st-gregory-picton.ca

St. Frances of Rome Church (Summer Mission)
67 Belleville Street, Wellington ON K0K 3L0
Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM from May 31, 2026 – October 4, 2026

June 21, 2026
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Mission: We are a Catholic Parish in Prince Edward County committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: To foster Christian Stewardship as a "Way of Life" in which individuals more fully live their baptismal call to discipleship through intentional, planned, proportionate giving of time, talent and treasure in response to God's generosity.

Parish Hours

Daily Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday* – Thursday	12:30 PM
Friday**	8:30 AM

* Refer to weekly bulletin for any changes
** Adoration and Exposition follows Friday Masses

Weekend Mass

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Daily – phone the office

Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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A Catholic community of faith in Prince Edward County since 1836

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 21, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 22 **NO MASS**

Tuesday, June 23
10:00 AM at McFarland

Wednesday, June 24 **Deceased Friends, RIP**
12:30 PM Marucia Montgomery

Thursday, June 25 **John Beaudette, RIP**
12:30 PM Freddie and Family

Friday, June 26
8:30 AM followed by Adoration & Exposition

Saturday, June 27
5:00 PM

Sunday, June 28
10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM at St. Frances of Rome

Prayer Requests

Pray for the sick and homebound of our Parish,

Pray for the repose of the souls of deceased members of St. Gregory's Parish.

Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:
Nora McKenna

St. John the Baptist – June 24th Feast Day

John the Baptist's primary mission was to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. He preached repentance and baptized people in the Jordan River, calling them to turn away from sin and prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ. His message was simple yet powerful: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The most significant moment in John's ministry was the baptism of Jesus Christ. When Jesus came to be baptized, John recognized Him as the Messiah and initially refused, saying he was unworthy. However, Jesus insisted, and at the moment of baptism, the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, and the voice of God proclaimed Jesus as His beloved Son. This event marked the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

John the Baptist is remembered for his humility and his willingness to decrease so that Christ might increase. He famously said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." His life serves as a model of selflessness and dedication to God's will, even when it leads to suffering and death. His courage in speaking truth to power, even at the cost of his life, continues to inspire Christians today.

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen

Congratulations to Newlyweds Oliver Webb and Deanna Fraser!

Oliver and Deanna celebrated their wedding on Saturday, June 20th here at St. Gregory's Parish. We rejoice with them as they begin their journey together in faith and love.

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." – Psalm 126:3

New St. Gregory's School…What Happens to the Existing School?

As many parishioners are aware, construction has begun on the new Catholic elementary school in Picton. While the new facility is expected to provide a wonderful learning environment for future generations of students, it will likely be approximately two years before construction is completed and the school community relocates to its new home.

This transition naturally raises questions about the future of the current school property, which has long shared a close relationship with our parish and is located immediately beside our church.

To help ensure that parish perspectives are heard and considered, the Parish and the Catholic School Board will be meeting in September to discuss matters related to this transition. In preparation for that meeting, parishioners are invited to share any questions, ideas, suggestions, hopes, or concerns they may have regarding the future of the current school site and its relationship to parish life.

Written submissions may be sent to the Parish Office by mail, email, or dropped off during office hours. All feedback received will be provided to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Property and Finance Committee. This feedback will help inform the discussion with the School Board.

We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to contribute thoughtfully to an important conversation about the future of our parish community.

Please submit your comments to the Parish Office by July 30, 2026.

Enter to Win a Handpainted Barn Quilt!

All proceeds go directly to our Mission Church in Wellington – St. Frances of Rome.

Tickets: $5 for 1 or $10 for 3
Draw Date: August 23, 2026

Purchase your tickets before or after any weekend Mass up to and including August 23. Your generosity helps towards the costs of running St. Frances of Rome (e.g. insurance, repairs).

Come and Enjoy Good Fellowship, Food, and Father George!

We will be celebrating Father George's 20th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Friday, July 24, 2026.

Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m.
Following Mass, please join Father for a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Gregory School gym, 7 Owen Street.
Dinner includes your choice of chicken or beef.

Tickets are $25.00 per person. Available for purchase in the Parish Gift Shop. All are welcome, as we gather in gratitude and joy for Father George and his ministry.