

Sacred Heart Seafood Dinner Ministry Report – 2026

Overview

Due to the incredible generosity and support of our parishioners, the Seafood Dinner Ministry once again made a significant impact on our parish. While this remains Sacred Heart’s largest fundraiser, it is also much more than that. It is an opportunity to serve others, strengthen our parish community, and provide families with a welcoming place to gather and enjoy a quality meal.

In 2026, we made a conscious decision to keep most menu prices unchanged, despite rising costs, as a way to support those facing financial challenges. The only exceptions were modest increases for crab cakes and dessert cakes. We also continued our tradition of offering free meals for children ages 10 and under, reinforcing our commitment to families.

Financial Summary (2026)

Week	Revenue	Meals Served	Pre-Orders
Week 1	\$5,960.51	373	\$3,779.00
Week 2	\$6,478.40	402	\$4,195.00
Week 3	\$8,007.50	473	\$5,081.50
Week 4	\$7,334.90	433	\$4,512.00
Week 5	\$7,616.50	468	\$4,651.50
Week 6	\$8,569.74	492	\$5,353.50
Additional Revenue (Post-Event Sales)	\$614.00		

Total Revenue	Total Pre-Orders	Total Meals Served	Total Expenses	Net Profit
\$44,581.55	\$27,573.00	2,641	\$23,647.04	\$20,934.51

Year-Over-Year Comparison (2025 vs. 2026)

Category	2026	2025	Increase
Revenue	\$44,581.55	\$41,735.89	\$2,845.66
Expenses	\$23,647.04	\$20,827.53	\$2,819.51
Net Profit	\$20,934.51	\$20,908.36	\$26.15
Pre-Orders	\$27,573.00	\$25,196.00	\$2,377.00

Summary: Despite holding most prices steady, the ministry achieved increased revenue and pre-orders, while maintaining a consistent net profit compared to 2025.

Donations and Support

Parishioner generosity played a critical role in offsetting costs and supporting operations.

Weekly Needs Covered

Donations included:

- Mac & cheese, grilled cheese, sour cream

- Cake ingredients and baked goods
- Potatoes, eggs, and drinks
- Salmon for salmon cakes

Additional Contributions

- **Monetary Donations:** \$1,722.00
- **Advertising Support:**
 - Valpak Mailers: \$1,669.00

These contributions significantly reduced operational expenses and helped sustain affordability for attendees.

Volunteer Engagement

The success of the Seafood Dinner Ministry continues to be driven by the dedication of our volunteers.

Week	Volunteer Participation
1	65
2	59
3	61
4	62
5	55
6	57
Average Weekly Volunteers (Time & Talent)	59.83

Additional Volunteer Contributions

- 8 individuals donated food items weekly (not time)
- 10 individuals contributed both time and donations weekly
- No donation requests were made in Week 6

Estimated Total Weekly Volunteers (Including Donors): ~68

- Includes 4 non-parishioner volunteers

Note: These figures do not include the many individuals who assisted with setup and cleanup each week.

Conclusion

The 2026 Seafood Dinner Ministry was once again a resounding success—financially, socially, and spiritually. While the fundraiser generated strong financial results, its greater impact lies in bringing parishioners together, supporting families, and extending hospitality to the broader community.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed—whether through time, donations, or participation. Every role, no matter how small it may have seemed, was essential to the success of this ministry.

Thank you for helping make this tradition such a meaningful and impactful part of Sacred Heart Parish.