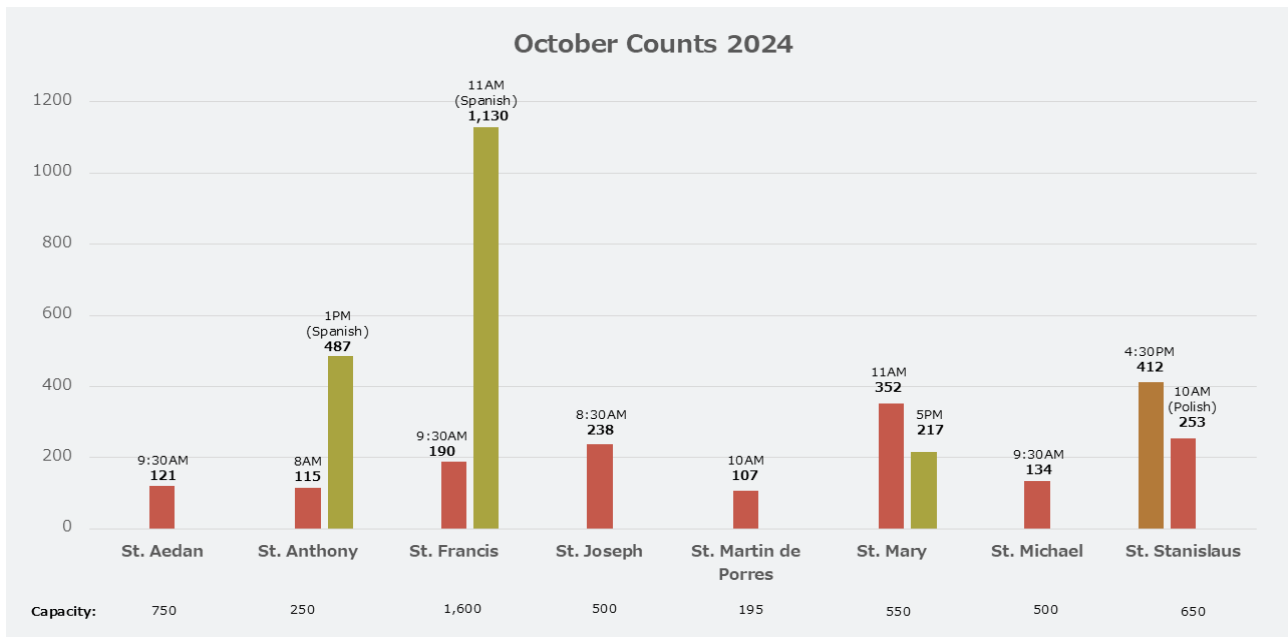
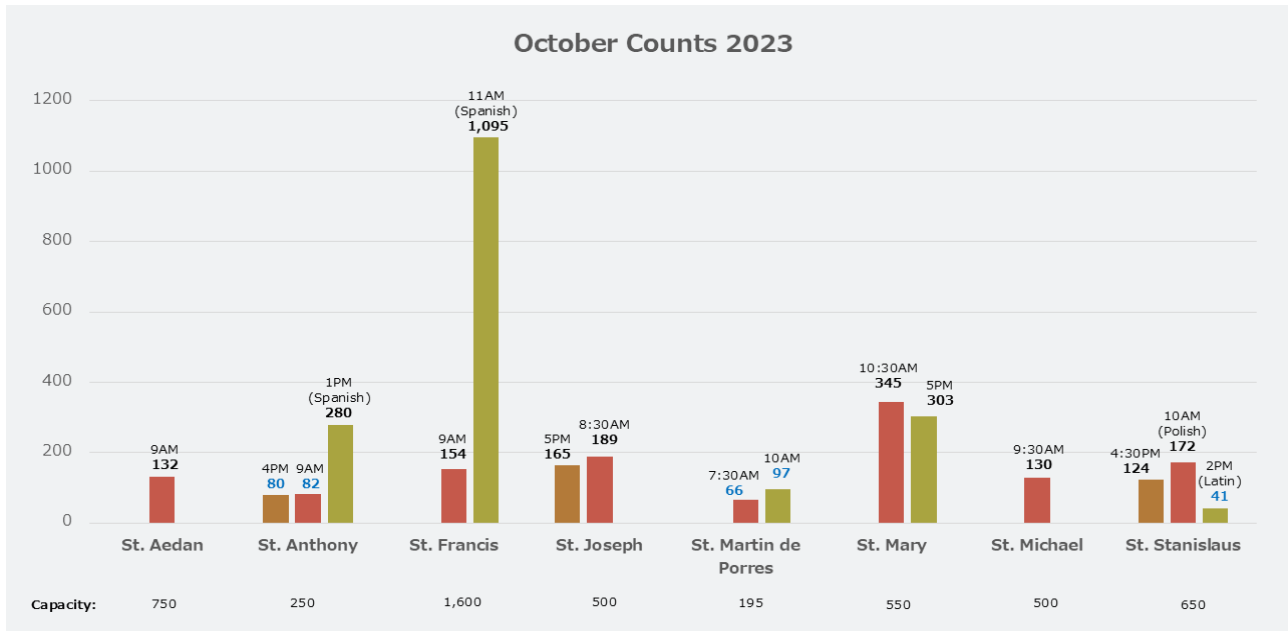


2024 October Count Data

As mentioned in previous parish communications, each year every parish in the Archdiocese conducts the October Counts to track Mass attendance. Please see below our parish's 2024 data and how it compares to 2023. You can see that the Mass Schedule revision this past year did what we hoped it would in terms of stabilizing our numbers and reducing the amount of Masses with low attendance.



The Archdiocese recently compiled the data of all 97 parishes and the combined totals across the Archdiocese. Overall, the Archdiocese experienced growth in Mass attendance year over year from 2022-2024. This makes sense as people started coming back to Mass after COVID. However, when you compare 2024 to 2019 pre-COVID levels, the Archdiocese has still experienced overall decline in Mass attendance since 2019 (19% decline).

Bl. Michael McGivney Parish was excited to learn that overall we have experienced growth **both** over the last year, as well as comparing to 2019 numbers! **We grew 28% from 2023 to 2024** - 61 out of 97 parishes experienced growth this year, and we were #11 in terms of highest percentage. This year of growth in our parish came after a year of decline of 11% from 2022-2023 during the beginning of the merger. **We also grew 15% overall from 2019** (combining the 2019 pre-

merger church numbers together) - only 20 out of 97 parishes experienced growth in this category, and we were #14 in terms of highest percentage.

While the population in some churches in our parish continue to shrink and/or stay about the same, and while we still have many decisions to face on the road ahead of us, we are nonetheless encouraged by this overall growth of the Body of Christ in New Haven, much of it thanks to our vibrant Hispanic communities. May 2025 continue to be another year of growth, not only in Mass attendance numbers, but more importantly in holiness and unity in Christ.