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Man faces trial in church embezzlement

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A former business manager accused of stealing \$100,000 from a Catholic church in Lebanon has been freed on his own recognizance with his promise to appear later for his trial.

Mark Anthony, 47, of Dayton, Ohio, appeared Friday in Warren County Common Pleas Court to face a theft charge.

He is accused of skimming money from St. Francis de Sales, Lebanon's only Catholic church with a congregation of nearly 1,000 families. The church expects to recoup its losses through insurance coverage, officials said.

Anthony, who served as the parish's business manager for four years, resigned earlier this year after a lay member of the church's finance committee noticed discrepancies in church accounts while helping the pastor put together a budget.

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