

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020

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OUR MISSION

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Catholic Parish is a family of
believers in Christ who strive to
live according to His teachings.
We take as our mission in the world
living out the Gospel of Jesus.*



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ON THE COVER

The cover depicts the statue of our Blessed Mother installed in the Hellerman Garden located just southwest of our church. Both of the new additions were Centennial gifts from parishioners. The Hellerman Garden is a gift from **Louis and Myrna Hellerman**. The garden was designed by their daughter **Katie** and **Dave Van Zelst**.

The Statue of our Blessed Mother is the gift of **John and Katie Nicolau, Greg and Jeanne Eisinger, Mike Monticello and Karin Ulstrup, Kevin and Irene Shaughnessy, and Ed and Mary Kay Haben**. This beautiful statue was carved in Italy from marble that came from the same quarry that supplied Michelangelo marble to carve his David.

The statue and garden together are truly a sacred space that will be enjoyed and treasured by our community for generations to come.





FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times..."

This opening line from Charles Dickens' book "A Tale of Two Cities" seems to capture for me the roller coaster of the past fiscal year.

We began the fiscal year with so much excitement regarding the centennial of the founding of OLPH in 1919. It seems like it was so long ago that we were celebrating with **Cardinal Cupich**, producing those beautiful videos and countless parishioners participating in the 100 Hours of Mercy initiative.

Then came the COVID pandemic which changed everything. The lockdown severely limited our pastoral life as well as everything else.

OLPH was founded amid the Spanish flu epidemic which ravaged the world. Many would have thought that founding a parish amid a pandemic was not the best time to do this. Look at what evolved from that precarious beginning! OLPH is an extraordinary parish that has established itself as one of the most vibrant parishes. This is because of you, our founding parishioners and the power of our faith in Jesus Christ.

I am honored to present this Annual Report to you. It attempts to summarize the many aspects of parish life that you have supported in this most challenging time. Your financial support and stewardship of OLPH are great blessings.

With the lockdown and the very slow process of reopening, we have had to face the reality of few people being able to support the parish through Sunday collections. Fundraising is practically at a standstill.

Despite that, so many of you have signed up for GiveCentral, have faithfully mailed in your weekly donations, and have maintained your support of the parish.

We were able to receive a loan through the Payroll Protection Plan that stabilized our finances. We did not have to lay off anyone. We have about 120 employees. We are in the process of having that loan forgiven.



Fr. Jerry Boland with the **Steven Maher family** at OLPH's First Annual Drive-By Father's Day/Family Blessings and Communion celebration.

As 421 cars passed in the procession, it was a great way for our priests to reconnect face-to-face with parishioners, some of whom they hadn't seen since the beginning of the COVID pandemic in March.

We have had to make a substantial investment in COVID related infrastructure to make our Church and facilities as safe as possible. From retrofitting the church to livestreaming Masses, to portable sinks in all the classrooms, to enhancing our air purification systems, it has been a remarkable process.

I am so grateful for your support, your passionate love of this parish and your commitment to make the sacrifices we need to make, as we navigate these uncertain waters.

While routines have changed, we proclaim the Gospel, we form our young people, we continue our witness to the Love of Jesus Christ.

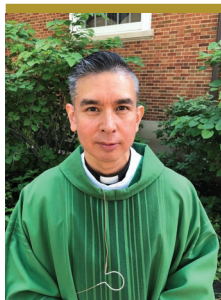
I have a responsibility to share with you the financial and spiritual well being of OLPH. These pages tell that story.

As we begin the new fiscal year, I welcome all newcomers to OLPH; I welcome **Mary Lynne Januszewski**, our new Director of Finance and Operations, **Fr. Larry Basbas**, our new Associate Pastor and **Margaret Waldron**, our new Director of Religious Education.

Gratefully,
Fr. Jerry Boland

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR TEAM

WELCOME!



Fr. Larry Basbas, Associate Pastor, Chaplain of Liturgy & Evangelization

Hello, OLPH! THANK YOU for welcoming me as your new Associate Pastor! Words cannot describe the joy and excitement I am feeling of being assigned to this great parish, especially to work alongside **Fr. Jerry**, **Fr. Jim**, and **Fr. Patrick**.

I was born on the island of Guam but I was raised in the Philippines, arguably the only Catholic nation in Asia, where my parents were born. Eventually, my family moved back to Guam for a brief period until settling in the Chicago area when I was 10 years old. I miss my father, who I lost to lung cancer 28 years ago. I am blessed, however, to still have my mother, who is a youthful 89 year old. Please pray for her. I am the youngest of four siblings [two older twin sisters and an older brother]. Saint Pascal, located on the northwest side of the city, is my home parish.

My mother and the School Sisters of Notre Dame instilled in me the many virtues that Christ himself exemplified and to which I strongly adhere today -- charity, humility, faith, and compassion. I felt the call to the priesthood as far back as the 2nd grade, but as the years progressed I ignored the occasional nudgings from God and went on with my life as usual, enjoying a career in advertising and graphic design while living in the city. Yet I always felt something was missing. Finally, in 2013 the Holy Spirit moved me to finally answer the call. The following year, I entered Mundelein Seminary where I spent two years of philosophical studies and four years of theology.

What I've learned thus far in my journey to the priesthood is what it means to "trust in the Lord with all your heart." As I go forward now, I do so by walking in this wonderful gift God has given me -- my FAITH.



Mary Lynne Januszewski, Director of Finance & Operations

Hello OLPH! My name is Mary Lynne Januszewski. I am so excited to be your new Director of Finance and Operations! It has always been a dream of mine to somehow incorporate my business background into a parish setting, as I have always loved numbers and parish life -- choosing accounting for an undergraduate degree and Religious Ed for a master's degree.

For the last 39 years, I have worked in accounting at The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, lastly as its Executive Vice President and CFO -- a job and people that I have loved and will miss dearly.

My childhood in Brooklyn, New York, taught me the importance of community. I have always stayed close to parish life, and, for the last 32 years, my family has belonged to Holy Cross in Deerfield, where I served on the School Board and Parish Finance Council.

My family, which includes my husband, **Jerry**, my grown children, **Mark** and **Lindsay**, **Mark's** wife, **Erin**, and two beautiful granddaughters, are so pleased that I have chosen this path for my "retirement" years. I look forward to learning more about all of you as time goes on!



Margaret Waldron, Director of Religious Education

Greetings to the OLPH Community! My name is Margaret Waldron. I am delighted to be the Director of Religious Education at OLPH Parish. Many prayers have been answered for me to be here at this time. I fell in love with teaching catechism and my DRE encouraged me to pursue graduate studies in ministry through the Archdiocese. I come from St. Athanasius Parish in Evanston where I was baptized as an infant and returned in December 2013 to serve as DRE through last July. My grandparents **Jim** and **Edna Waldron** were OLPH parishioners. I still have cousins here and my sister has taught at OLPH School for many years. I very much look forward to meeting each of you and your children.

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PARISH LEADERSHIP

2019-2020 FINANCE COUNCIL

Fr. Jerry Boland, Pastor

Mary Lynne Januszewski, Director of Finance & Operations

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Tom Schufreider

Shannon Weasler

Tom Zidar



The procession, led by the Knights of Columbus, exiting our church after the Centennial Mass, 09/14/19. (For more information about our Centennial Celebration, please see pages 14-15.)

2019-2020 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Jerry Boland

Mark Cullum

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Cindy Moody

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Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair

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Lisa Salemi

Steve Schmidt

Mike Wycklndt, Secretary

DEPARTURES & FAREWELLS

In 2020, two of our most beloved priests moved on to the next chapters in their lives. On Sunday, December 29, 2019, **Father Paddy Tyrrell** celebrated his Farewell Celebration Mass after 25 years of service to OLPH. He is currently enjoying his retirement in Galway, Ireland.

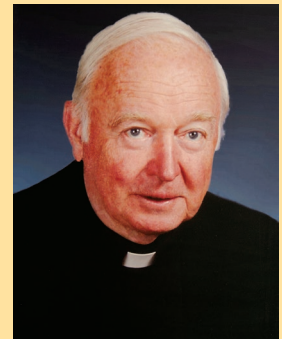


On July 4, **Father Nick Kostyk** celebrated his final Mass after five years of service at OLPH. Fr. Nick is now in Colorado exploring the possibility of serving as a Ukrainian Rite priest.



We miss both of them and pray for them on their new journeys.

Father John Edward Flavin returned home to God on May 30, 2020 at age 83. He served as pastor at OLPH from 1989-2007.



Fr. Flavin was a busy and happy priest and caring friend. With great enthusiasm he supported the many activities of this vibrant community.

He oversaw the construction of additional classrooms to the burgeoning school, encouraged the Sharing Ministry, and assisted with Sister Paulanne's extraordinary programs for needy families.

Now may he rest in God's deep peace.

GENERAL OFFERTORY AND PLANNED GIVING

An Invitation to Stewardship

As our single largest source of income, the General Offertory, or Sunday Collection, is vital to all of our efforts. We cannot overemphasize the importance of your gifts to the Offertory.

Your contributions to the General Offertory are used to fund parish ministries, pay salaries, maintain our buildings and fund our school and religious education program. We also set aside six percent of the Offertory for our First Fruits Program.

Our parish mission reflects the Gospel values: to grow in faith together, to educate our young and to reach out to the needy. Without a financially stable parish, this would not be possible.

Each fall, we invite you to reflect on your blessings. You are then asked to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the General Offertory for the coming year and return a form stating your intention. By making a commitment to the Planned Offertory Program, you are helping our Finance Council to budget responsibly.

Over two years, parishioners have committed an average of \$1 million per year to the Planned Offertory Program, which allowed us to plan prudently.

GENERAL OFFERTORY

- » Sunday and Holy Day collections
- » Single largest source of church income
- » Funds parish ministries, staff salaries and benefits, building maintenance and operations

FIRST FRUITS

- » Last year, our First Fruits Program contributed \$171,000 to support second collections, our sharing parishes and special needs for the poor.
 - Four inner-city sharing parishes
 - Retirement fund for religious
 - Collection for retired priests
 - Peter's Pence Collection
 - Seminarian Education Fund
 - World Mission Sunday

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First Fruits



In 2019, we contracted with GiveCentral to begin accepting online donations. This secure online portal enables parishioners and even visitors to our church to make paperless donations on either a recurring basis or as a one-time contribution.

Donations can even be made via cell phone. Processing donations through GiveCentral is much more cost effective than paper checks or credit card transactions. Since the pandemic began, we have seen an increase in the number of parishioners who use this portal. This has allowed us to more efficiently plan out our monthly budget for the entire year.

We encourage all parishioners, if you have not yet done so, as well as parish organizations, to take advantage of this service.

PLANNED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

- » Intentional commitment - prayerfully consider your total, annual contribution
- » Fiscally responsible - our Finance Council is better able to budget
- » Easy - schedule recurring, electronic payments from your bank account or a credit card, no envelopes
- » Flexible - you determine payment schedule, choose monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Initial Goal.....	\$5,500,000
Total Pledged.....	\$5,346,277
Received through July 15, 2020.....	\$3,849,920



Revenue	19-20 Actual		18-19 Actual		Variance	
Sunday & Holy Days.....	\$3,216,720	89%	\$2,922,195	80%	\$294,525	10%
Sunday Collection - First Fruits.....	(171,449)	-5%	***		(171,449)	
Women's Club Fundraising.....	128,650	4%	154,750	4%	(26,100)	-17%
Bequests & Memorials.....	22,000	1%	52,885	1%	(30,885)	-58%
Wagner Trust*	240,622	7%	257,450	7%	(16,828)	-7%
Interest on Deposits.....	24,481	1%	18,860	1%	5,621	30%
Appeal Rebate **	10,465	0%	113,242	3%	(102,777)	-91%
Other Income.....	112,462	3%	159,136	4%	(46,674)	-29%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,583,951	100%	\$3,678,518	100%	\$(94,567)	-3%
Expenses	19-20 Actual		18-19 Actual		Variance	
Salaries & Benefits.....	1,168,102	33%	1,103,294	33%	64,808	6%
School Subsidy.....	981,720	28%	981,720	29%	-	0%
Religious Education Subsidy.....	-	0%	22,150	1%	(22,150)	-100%
Liturgy & Music.....	65,117	2%	89,525	3%	(24,408)	-27%
Other Ministries.....	27,801	1%	11,257	0%	16,544	147%
Administration.....	707,328	20%	664,523	20%	42,805	6%
Maintenance & Utilities.....	281,127	8%	260,601	8%	20,526	8%
Repairs & Improvements.....	218,639	6%	220,137	6%	(1,498)	-1%
Furnishing, Equipment & Rectory.....	4,889	0%	6,467	0%	(1,578)	-24%
Miscellaneous.....	58,898	2%	2,312	0%	56,586	2447%
Total Expenses	\$3,513,621	100%	\$3,361,986	100%	\$151,635	5%
<i>Operating Income</i>	70,330		316,532		(246,202)	-78%
Capital Collections.....	407,974		482,604		(74,630)	-15%
Capital Improvements.....	(1,045,077)		(148,395)		(896,682)	604%
	(637,103)		334,209		(971,312)	-291%
Net****	\$(566,773)		\$650,741		\$(1,217,514)	-187%

* The Wagner Trust is based on the trusts of the late Peter and Rose Wagner. The parish receives an annual distribution of 5% of the trust principal balance as of the previous calendar year.

** The rebate from the Archdiocese is the amount that was donated to the Cardinal's appeal above our goal.

*** Figures were presented net last year: Gross was \$3,009,107, First Fruits was \$158,000, with a portion of that reduction charged in the misc. expense line.

**** Net deficit for FY20 includes payment of \$1,045,077 for capital projects, of which \$600,000 was funded with prior years' receipts from the Teach Who Christ Is capital campaign. Projects include those listed on page 13.

PARISH SCHOOL

The Impact of Giving 2019-2020

Curriculum & Extracurricular Opportunities

- Purchased new reading series for K – 5
- Hosted Fine Arts Fest featuring choirs, bands, music and art classes
- Celebrated athletic championships in football, boys blue and girls blue basketball and for the first time ever both boys and girls cross country teams qualified for state with our first individual qualifier who finished 10th overall.
- Offered extracurricular activities including Science Olympiad, National Geographic Geography Bee, and Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee



Advancements in Technology

- Purchased Promethean Active Touch Panels for Grades 3, 4, and 5 classrooms
- Pivoted to provide quality virtual learning experiences, utilizing our Blackbaud website software as well as Flip Grid, Screencast, Seesaw, Zoom, Google and online textbooks

Improved Facilities & Resources

- Painted Playdium – Kindergarten and Pool entrance
- Purchased new appliances for Playdium snack bar
- Painted classrooms in Monticello, Saint John, Lafayette, Carrollton
- Purchased virtual trophy interactive monitor for OLPH athletics

Nurtured Spiritual Growth

- Celebrated 90 Confirmandi with Bishop Perry
- Witnessed 72 First Reconciliations

- Hosted Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos for a day in Lent
- Hosted Council II 3-A 8th Grade Leadership Day
- Hosted 8th grade Day of Reflection with Dr. Terry Nelson Johnson in preparation for Confirmation

Professional Development

- Afforded 19 faculty members with extraordinary staff development opportunities
- Assisted two faculty members pursuing their Masters' degree and Principal attended a Retreat
- In-serviced the entire staff in safety and security procedures with police and fire
- Provided Growth Through Mindfulness Staff In-Service
- Offered Bullying Intervention Seminar – Staff, Students and Families

Ensured Fiscal Responsibility

- Awarded Dussman Scholarships to 54 OLPH students
- Maintained fiscal integrity with our operating budget
- Preserved high quality of instruction, services and programs

Parish Community Connection

- Visited senior living community
- Hosted "Retired Staff" Homecoming Luncheon
- Produced alumni newsletters and hosted reunions for the Classes of 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989
- Celebrated 90 years of Catholic education and 100 years as a parish!
- Voted Best Private K-8 & Best Preschool in NS Choice & Better Best of 2020 Awards!!





Revenue	19-20 Actual			18-19 Actual		Variance	
Tuition & Fees.....	\$5,593,835	73.4%	1	\$5,605,623	72.7%	\$(11,788)	-0.2%
Annual Fund (net).....	424,649	5.6%		444,978	5.8%	(20,329)	-4.6%
Men's Club.....		0%	2	115,000	1.5%	(115,000)	-100%
Endowment.....	281,347	3.7%		317,886	4.1%	(36,539)	-11.5%
Stem Lab (net).....	128,917	1.6%		118,352	1.6%	10,565	8.9%
Dussman.....	167,944	2.2%		79,396	1.0%	88,548	111.5%
Subsidy.....	981,720	12.9%		981,720	12.7%	0	0%
Other Income.....	44,718	0.6%		45,896	0.6%	(1,178)	-2.6%
Total Revenue	\$7,623,130	100%		\$7,708,851	100%	\$(85,721)	-1.1%

2019-20 School Year: 819 students

2018-19 School Year: 836 students

Expenses	19-20 Actual			18-19 Actual		Variance	
Salaries & Benefits.....	\$5,847,147	79.5%	3	\$6,000,965	81.2%	\$(153,818)	-2.6%
Insurance & Fees.....	125,542	1.7%		121,745	1.6%	3,797	3.1%
Books & Supplies.....	218,027	3.0%	4	186,259	2.5%	31,768	17.1%
Programs & Enrichment.....	121,565	1.7%		128,034	1.7%	(6,469)	-5.1%
Technology.....	234,587	3.2%	5	165,982	2.2%	68,605	41.3%
Administration.....	253,897	3.4%		241,859	3.2%	12,038	5.0%
Maintenance & Utilities.....	276,137	3.8%		320,788	4.3%	(44,651)	-13.9%
Furnishing & Equipment.....	46,807	0.6%		47,567	1.0%	(760)	-1.6%
Miscellaneous.....	233,025	3.1%	6	172,991	2.3%	60,034	34.7%
Total Expense	\$7,356,734	100%		\$7,386,190	100%	\$(29,456)	-0.4%
Net	\$266,396			\$322,661		\$(56,265)	-17.4%

Notes:

1> OLPH School tuition revenue reflects a tuition increase of 2.5%.

2> An extremely generous Men's Club donation of \$130,000 was received in July 2020.

3> Salaries & Benefits includes a 0% increase in staff salaries and 10.8% increase in health insurance.

4> Purchased grades K-6 Reading series.

5> Purchased Promethean boards for grades 3-5

6> OLPH School Dussman Scholarships were awarded to 54 students.

NEEDY FAMILY FUND

Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund Serves 135 Families

At this point last year, the Needy Family Fund was making great strides assisting some clients to gain independence. Many of our clients were needing less support from the fund as they found employment, higher paying jobs or increasing their hours. For everyone, 2020 has brought great challenges especially to those already in great need. The Needy Family Fund had to adapt and responded differently from some practices in the past. Stimulus checks, grants for rent, moratorium on evictions, and utility companies extending the time to pay bills all helped. We are very grateful to all those who dropped/sent gift cards to **Mary Anne Bobrinskoy** so they could be mailed to clients in the program. This social distancing practice decreases the exposure for both the clients and those at OLPH.

As we know public assistance resources have slowed significantly. We are so grateful to the parishioners of OLPH who continue to support the NFF.

PROVEN BEST PRACTICES IN ASSISTANCE AND STEWARDSHIP CONTINUE FOR SR. PAULANNE'S NEEDY FAMILY FUND

- Client intake with licensed social worker to build a budget and plan to self sufficiency
- Clients meet weekly to monthly, in person, as needed with social worker, to assist with budget and services
- **Sr. Paulanne**, social worker and committee meets weekly for client update and disbursement approval.
- All bills reviewed in detail, paid directly to the provider, and all disbursements tracked per client
- Utilization of all available public assistance (Required)
- Access to Catholic Charities Network and Services (i.e. counseling)
- Quarterly review with **Sr. Paulanne, Fr. Boland**, Social Worker, Catholic Charities Management Team, **Mary Lynne Januszewski**, NFF Committee

FINANCIALS

Revenue	19-20 Actual		18-19 Actual		Variance	
Donations.....	\$900,338	100%	\$769,577	100%	\$130,761	17%
Expenses						
Mortgage & Rent.....	271,979	45%	351,782	50%	(79,803)	-23%
Utilities.....	19,456	3%	29,741	4%	(10,285)	-35%
Food & Groceries.....	19,333	3%	34,192	5%	(14,859)	-43%
Auto Related Expense.....	75,763	12%	87,855	13%	(12,092)	-14%
Social Worker, Medical, Mental Health & Job Training.....	14,416	2%	40,972	6%	(26,556)	-65%
Sharing Programs, Tuition Assistance, Clothing, Other.....	136,952	23%	85,500	12%	51,452	60%
Dental, Refugee Resettlement, Gift Cards.....	70,929	12%	68,447	10%	2,482	4%
Total Expenses	\$608,828	100%	\$698,489	100%	\$(89,661)	-13%
Net	\$291,510		\$71,088		\$220,422	

NEW INITIATIVES

Comprehensive child support review to ensure every NFF client eligible for child support applies for and receives support.

In response to the COVID threat, build a dynamic database of employment opportunities that allows an individual to work from home with computer.

Through the generosity of our parish community and social worker's expertise, over \$200,000 saved annually in legal, dental, medical, plumbing, housing and car repairs.

Please consider a monetary donation to Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund.

Checks should be payable to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In the memo section, please put Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund.

If you would like to make a donation of a gift card, please contact mabobrinskoy@gmail.com. She will mail them to the Needy Family Fund clients.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Inviting Children and Families into Relationship with Christ

Faith formation is a relationship experience. Our Religious Education Program focuses on Catholic doctrine in an environment that reinforces Christian virtues bringing students to a better understanding of their faith and strengthening their relationship with Christ. Our faith formation program invites young people to encounter Christ in their lives through instruction, liturgy and prayer, sacraments, service, and partnership.

INSTRUCTION

Using Loyola Press, *Finding God*, a spiral curriculum in the catechesis of children and young adolescents, students revisit concepts and vocabulary from one year to the next. It incorporates scripture, church, tradition, prayer and sacred art in every lesson. As children progress through grade levels, their knowledge and experiences of these concepts broaden and deepen. A well-developed, eight-year program encompassing Catholic doctrine, truths, and traditions, ensures a solid foundation is established.

LITURGY AND PRAYER

We had 720 students participating in weekly classroom prayer and monthly liturgy or prayer services as a community. A deep, lasting relationship with God requires continuous learning, formal and informal. We helped students achieve this by teaching and encouraging daily prayer and weekly participation in the Mass with the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

Outside of the classroom, faith experiences included:

- » Advent Prayer Services
- » Shine a Light on Hunger Rosary
- » St. Francis Prayer Service
- » Priest Visits for Faith Sharing
- » Retreats
- » Living Rosary
- » Bible Blessing
- » Stations of the Cross

SACRAMENTS

While First Reconciliation and Communion preparation begins in first grade, children in second grade celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion utilizing the Loyola Press, *God's Gifts* curriculum.

Spring 2020 First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies had to be rescheduled due to the COVID pandemic. Both first communicants and confirmandi were broken into smaller groups to adhere to Archdiocese protocols. Because there was a limitation of having only 80 people in church at a time, more than 10 first communion and 10 confirmation ceremonies took place from August through November 2020. **Fr. Jerry Boland** celebrated all Confirmation liturgies in place of the bishop, and **Fr. Patrick Kizza**, **Fr. Larry Basbas** and **Fr. Jim Barrett** celebrated all First Communion Masses.

SERVICE

Students live their faith through service to others. Our community-wide approach, combining service and learning, promotes empathy and respect for others. As catechists help students to reflect on their service, they tie in Christian virtues emphasizing our call to respond to the needs of others as Jesus did. Through monthly service projects, students helped each other, our community and neighbors near and far.

PARTNERSHIP

We are blessed with many people who are willing and excited to share their faith, including:

- » Over 420 families enrolled in the RE Program
- » Over 80 volunteers trained to be catechists
- » Countless volunteers served as:
 - Special project coordinators
 - Hall and parking lot monitors
 - Religious Board members

Our high number of volunteers is an exciting testimony to our vibrant, active parish when so many give so much!

In partnership with parents, our program will continue to develop wholesome, disciplined, responsible and active young people who gain a deep knowledge of their religion, give vibrant witness to their Catholic faith and contribute to the growth of the Church and society.



Laura Kearney (l) and Cherie Dicesare (r) on one of their many adventures together, this time attempting to ride a camel during their March 2009 pilgrimage with Fr. Tom Hickey to Egypt and the Holy Land.

A Remembrance

Taken from us too early, God called **Cherie DiCesare** home on October 7, 2019. I met Cherie and her three daughters on my first day at OLPH and we became fast friends. Within a couple of months, we decided to sign up as roommates for a pilgrimage to Egypt and the Holy Land with **Fr. Hickey**. Many laughs and great memories! In 2008, Cherie became the Director of Religious Education at OLPH, with 1,000 students. She was so proud of this program and ran it with love and compassion.

Cherie was my friend and my colleague for 12 years. She showed her love for her friends, RE families and Catechists with hospitality. Hospitality equals Love from Cherie!

Thank you and God Bless you, my friend.

Laura Kearney

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT

2019-20 School Year: 720 students 2018-19 School Year: 812 students

Revenue	19-20 Actual	18-19 Actual	Variance
Tuition & Fees	\$168,245 100%	\$177,173 87%	\$(8,928) -5%
Parish Subsidy	-	22,150 11%	(22,150) -100%
Donations	-	5,000 2%	(5,000) -100%
Total Revenue	\$168,245 100%	\$204,323 100%	\$(36,078) -18%

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	57,081 54%	128,979 63%	(71,898) -56%
Books & Supplies	29,856 28%	36,329 18%	(6,473) -18%
Administration	1,906 2%	8,978 4%	(7,072) -79%
Maintenance & Utilities	11,970 11%	13,669 7%	(1,699) -12%
Other Program Costs	5,478 5%	16,368 8%	(10,890) -67%
Total Expenses	\$106,291 100%	\$204,323 100%	\$(98,032) -48%

<i>Operating Income</i>	<u>\$61,954</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$61,954</u>
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PARISH TEACHING PROGRAM

Fostering the Growth of Tomorrow's Church Leaders

The invitation to become a Teaching Parish is a great honor and privilege that was fully embraced. The mutual benefits for seminarians and our faith community exceeded expectations.

The Mundelein Seminary Parish Teaching Program is part of Mundelein Seminary's priestly formation process that aims to foster seminarians' growth in their call to be teachers and shepherds of the people of God.

Teaching parishes offer:

- » space and time for seminarians to develop human qualities and practical skills for ministry
- » firsthand observations and experiences of relationships in ministry, administration and in the parish community offering immense value for personal growth
- » an important framework integrating classroom knowledge and the experiences of parish life

The potential of the Teaching Parish Program hinges on several essential elements, including:

- » weekly ministry at the parish level
- » participation in Sunday Masses
- » mentorship by the pastor
- » parish committee meetings
- » theological reflection at the seminary
- » mid-term and final evaluations

At OLP, the Parish Committee accompanies the seminarians on their formation journey. Committee members pray with and for the seminarians while providing support and feedback.

Through friendship and witness of their own discipleship, committee members become companions on the journey.

Seminarians:

Miles Swigart - 1st year.

Jesse Hiatt - 3rd year - will hopefully be going to the Holy Land next semester. Depends on travel restrictions due to the pandemic.

Michael Lingaur - 4th year - became a Deacon this summer.

Committee Members:

Tim and Karen Daniels,
Ralph and Candy Borkowicz,
Jim and Paula Cantwell,
Sally Corbett,
Bill and Michelle McGowan,
Lee and Marti Vandervest



Miles Swigart



Jesse Hiatt



Michael Lingaur

SHARING MINISTRY

38 Years of Serving the Needy

The Sharing Room was shut down by the state in mid-March, but much was accomplished before that time and much has been happening despite the room's closure.

- Food Total: 98,836 non-perishable food items
- Number of organizations/agencies served through Sharing Ministry: 29

We serve the needs of our four sharing parishes first, St. Sabina, Our Lady of Tepeyac, St. Philip Neri, and St. James.

Overage is shared with other groups.

- Number of families served at holiday times through Befriend a Family: 168
- Brown bag lunches distributed to the hungry: over 3000
- Fed homeless at Catholic Charities/Des Plaines: over 500 meals served
- Bags of clothing/housewares sorted and distributed to needy: 6000
- Picked up and distributed carloads of bread and perishables each week
- Worked with Women's Club, Men's Club, School, RE and other parish groups in facilitating the distribution of goods taken in through drives they organized.

The generosity of our parish is overwhelming, and giving has remained strong despite the challenges brought on by COVID.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Centennial Projects

Many large scale projects and very prominent installations were undertaken during the Centennial year. The completion of the projects during these difficult times are a great testament to the dedication of **Fr. Boland**, Director of Facilities, **Mike Hrvojevic**, and his staff, and our dedicated parishioners.

They include:

- » Completion of the Parish Center 3rd Floor Renovation
- » Cleaning of the church chandeliers
- » Replacement of the steam line in McDonnell Hall
- » Removal of asbestos in McDonnell Hall and from the swimming pool piping
- » Completion of interior painting projects throughout campus
- » Completion of the Hellerman Garden
- » Installation of the Blessed Mother Statue
- » Repair of the underground sewer at the Parish Center
- » Repair of the underground gas line
- » Parking lot - resealed and restriped
- » Installation of new anti-slip surfaces on the Playdium ramp and stairs
- » Implementation of the use of electrostatic sprays and botanical disinfectant solution for sanitization during COVID.

Special Acknowledgement

Parishioner **John Nickle** passed away on January 13, 2020. While battling cancer, he worked up to the last days of his life on the completion of the Parish Center 3rd Floor renovation. His dedication to OLPH was tireless. May God Bless his soul and his family.

INNOVATIVE WAYS TO WORSHIP



Fr. Jerry Boland presiding over our Outdoor Drive-In Mass from the second floor balcony of the Parish Center in mid-July. The Drive-In Mass has proven to be one of our most popular innovations during the COVID crisis.

The COVID crisis is no match for a faith community as strong as the one here at OLPH. We innovated. We adapted. We embraced technology and new ways to worship. We have become stronger.

In June, we had our First Annual Drive-By Father's Day/Family Blessings and Communion celebration. On Saturday, July, 4, 2020, we started holding our Saturday evening Drive-In Mass. It has been a full house every Saturday.

A number of ministries have taken the leap and gone completely electronic. SPRED is reunited. Our Religious Education program is forging ahead with a dynamic online program. Our Scripture Study Ministry launched a bible overview study called Genesis to Jesus that they stream over the internet. They have over 200 participants meeting in 15 separate Zoom groups each week! PPC meetings and other ministry boards have resumed on Zoom. Men's CRHP blessed us with a 10-day virtual retreat. We even have Zoom devotionals for Divine Mercy Holy Hour and parish-wide Rosary.

These are just some of the examples of how well our parishioners have responded to the COVID crisis. We have found ways to pray together, work together, and support one another. The Holy Spirit has shown us new ways to live as the Body of Christ, and for that we praise God for his goodness and loving care.

100 YEARS OF GRACE: OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



In the summer of 2019, our parish began preparations for recognizing and giving gratitude for 100 Years of Grace at OLPH. From a humble start as a mission church of St. Joseph Parish in Wilmette, OLPH evolved into a permanent parish in October of 1919. Over the last 100

years, our church grew, prospered and persevered through triumphs and trials. We were overjoyed to mark the Centennial Jubilee as a parish family in 2019 and into 2020.

The Centennial Committee was led by Father **Jerry Boland**, **Bob Hicks** and a team of seven dedicated parishioners including:

Mary Fran Dolan
Jennifer Farber
Beth Ford O'Grady
Rob Orr
Sue Pelletier
Julie Ruchniewicz
Marti Vandervest

Also part of the committee was OLPH Director of Communications, **Terry Luc**.

This committee was determined to celebrate the Centennial in ways both big and small, festive and challenging, enjoyable and selfless to set us on a path for the next 100 years. The parish rose to the occasion!

From the beginning, the emphasis was on acknowledging that we came this far as a parish only through the grace of God and Our Lady. We began with two very special Masses. First, former OLPH priest and current **Archbishop Wilton Gregory** presided over our annual Block Party Mass. Then **Blase Cardinal Cupich** celebrated the official Centennial Mass one week later. Both events included a joyous parish-wide celebration afterward. Then in October, the Committee launched the 100 Hours of Mercy Challenge to honor OLPH's legacy of service and to propel it into the next centennial. This parish-wide service initiative was based on the teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark that ask us to love and serve Jesus by loving and serving our neighbor.

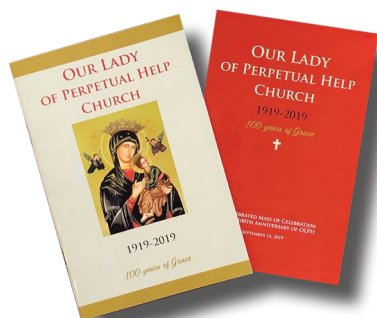
We put our love into action with the 3 Degrees of Mercy: Action, Word, and Prayer. The response from ministries, individuals, couples, families and small groups was tremendous. Each week, our Bulletin was filled with the ways parishioners met the challenge by serving their neighbor with extraordinary deeds, simple kindness and



Moments from our Centennial Celebration Year (From Top): Sr. Paulanne Held with Archbishop Wilton Gregory at the Block Party Mass, 09/07/19; Blase Cardinal Cupich with Fr. Jerry Boland at the Centennial Mass 09/14/19; Cardinal Cupich presiding over the dedication of the Hellerman Garden, 09/14/19; Bob and Connie Hicks with Cardinal Cupich at the Centennial Reception, 09/14/19; The organizers and volunteers of the Centennial reception, 09/14/19; Fr. Jim Barrett with the Girl Scouts at the 100 Cards for Veterans event, 11/10/19; Jen Farber with the 100 Hours of Mercy program, 11/10/19, Margie André and Fr. Patrick Kizza with the donation of 100 soccer balls from Wilson Sporting Goods for schools in Uganda, 02/02/20.

fervent prayers. The weekly updates inspired even more acts of good will and creative endeavors. We were filled with the Holy Spirit and our entire community benefited, especially the underserved and less fortunate. *Thank you Lord for blessing us with the opportunity to serve and for giving us hearts and minds open to answer your call.*

This was also a year for chronicling our dynamic parish story through a commemorative book, historical videos and creative displays. For some it was a walk down memory lane. For others it was a lesson in how a



The Centennial Commemorative Booklet and the Centennial Mass Worship Aide created by the Centennial Committee

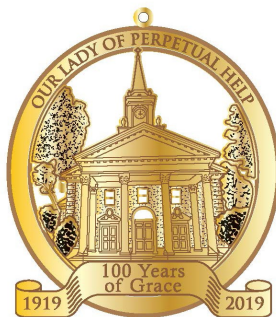
parish grows. **Rob Orr** brought his incredible digital storytelling skills to the Committee, producing 17 historical videos of life at OLPH as well as monthly video updates from our pastor. These videos played on the new media screen in the South Vestibule accompanied by creative historical displays each month. Thanks to **Terry Luc**, parishioners near and far had access to videos, communications, social media, and also livestreaming of our Masses through eblasts and our website. Little did the parish realize how

would become during the quarantine of 2020. There's no doubt the Holy Spirit was preparing our parish staff for celebrating Mass and staying in communication while separated. It was an unexpected but much needed grace received during the Centennial.

Unfortunately, COVID arrived in the winter and halted our celebration. However, the Centennial mission of love for neighbor lived on in donations to food pantries, outreach to seniors, support for frontline and essential workers, and prayers in the Holy Name of Jesus. As the pandemic worsened, it became clear the planned Centennial wrap-up at the annual Block Party Mass would be canceled. God had different plans for us. We were to focus on staying well at home with our loved ones, resetting our priorities and doing our part to keep our community safe. It would have been impossible to imagine that we would be separated physically from our church during our special year of celebration. But what better way to understand and appreciate all that OLPH has given us over the past 100 years than to have it suddenly removed, completely unavailable for solace during the time of "the storm."

Now, upon returning, we find the Crucifix begs us to gaze at Jesus a bit longer. Our Lady's icon twinkles and shines to let us know she never left us. St. Joseph stands firm on the right as our protector and guardian. And on the left, the Sacred Heart of Jesus beckons us peacefully with His unfathomable love and mercy. We are home. *Almighty God, we thank you and we praise you for our 100 Years of Grace—with all the joys and the sorrows, the triumphs and the trials—exactly as you planned it.*

Our journey continues!



The Centennial Commemorative Christmas Ornament created by the Centennial Committee

DIGITAL MINISTRY



Jim Geldermann (l) and Rob Orr (r) examining the camera set up for online Masses back in March, 2020.

When COVID hit in mid-March we were forced to close the church. Remarkably, we were up and running with online Masses available for viewing from our YouTube channel within one week of the shutdown. In fact, we were one of the first parishes in the archdiocese to be able to provide this service during the pandemic.

The success of this initiative was due to the leadership of our pastor **Fr. Boland** and the Digital Ministry team led by **Jim Geldermann** and **Rob Orr**.

The response to our online Masses, and also weddings, funerals, and special events, has been overwhelming. Our Easter Mass was viewed by over 3,000 people both in and outside of our parish! We have had viewers from around the globe, from as far away as Canada, Ireland, Belarus, Italy, Japan, and Guam.

We have also expanded the types of video engagement we provide to our parishioners. One of our most popular features is our monthly "Fireside Chat with Fr. Jerry" where Fr. Boland answers questions from parishioners.

We will continue to find innovative ways to connect with all parishioners during these difficult times. Thank you for your support.

OUR PARISH

In numbers

Population



9,781 Individuals
3,249 Parish Families
127 New Registrations

Sacraments

654 Masses
115 Digital Masses
89 Confirmations *School only**
96 Baptisms
69 Funerals
29 Marriages

**Due to COVID, RE confirmations were celebrated in the summer/fall of 2020. All First Communions were celebrated in the summer/fall of 2020*

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50+ Ministries

including NEW Spiritual Fitness and Digital Ministries

38+ years of Sharing

122 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

101 Altar Servers

85 Members of Music Ministry

900+ Women's Club Members in 39 Guilds

STAFF



Fr. Jerry Boland
Pastor



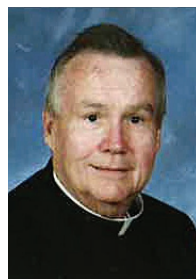
Fr. Tom Hickey
Pastor Emeritus



Fr. Patrick Kizza
Associate Pastor



Fr. Larry Basbas
Associate Pastor



Fr. Jim Barrett
Resident



Sr. Paulanne Held
Pastoral Associate



Dave & Mary Beth Kalina
Deacon Couple



Christopher Weiland
Deacon



Sr. Joan Schumacher
Pastoral Associate



Mary Lynne Januszewski
Director of Finance & Operations



Amy Mills, Ed.D.
Parish School Principal



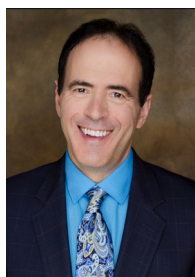
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Director of Religious Education



Jim & Pat Revord
Deacon Couple



Randy McGraw
Youth Minister



Russell Stern
Director of Music



Margie Andrè
Liturgy Assistant



Mike Hrvojevic
Director of Facilities



Terry Luc
Director of Communications

MAINTENANCE TEAM



(L-R) Salvador Villagomez, Javier Ayala, Ezequiel Salgado, Wieslaw Luszc, Alberto Hernandez, Amador Alcala, Paciano Robles, and Javier Ayala Morteo

WITH GRATITUDE

In recognition of the services you provide each and every day to our staff, faculty, students, parishioners and guests. Thank you for providing safe, clean and attractive spaces.



Laura Kearney
Parish Office Manager



Linda Feo
Parish Office Assistant



Gloria Gaughan
Receptionist