



OUR LADY
OF PERPETUAL HELP
CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2023. As your pastor I take seriously my responsibility to keep you informed on the fiscal well-being of our parish.

Our Annual Report is much more than pie charts and numbers. The Report tells the story of our past year. The Report gives witness to the investment you have made in the mission and ministry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.

As you will see, we still faced headwinds from the pandemic regarding the offertory. We have taken many steps to continue to invest in our children, our worship together, the formation of our adult community and the maintenance of our beautiful campus. Our First Fruits Program continues to support the social mission of our parish and our responsibility to support the Archdiocese and the Global Church.

OLPH is a thriving and vital parish because of YOU! I am grateful beyond words for the sacrifices you are making to be a faithful steward.

God bless you for your support!

Fr. Jerry Boland

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(Clockwise from top left) Fr. Patrick Kizza at the Chamber of Commerce Holiday parade, November 2022; Fr. Jeremiah Boland at the SPRED 1st Communion Mass, May 2023; Fr. Jim Barrett at the Pet Blessing, October 2022; Fr. Larry Basbas and Dcn. Christopher Weiland at the RCIA ceremony, April 2023.

PARISH LEADERSHIP

2022-2023 PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jerry Boland, Pastor
Bob Michels, Chair
Mary Lynne Januszewski, Director of Finance & Operations
Amy Mills, School Principal
Barbara O'Hara-Matzkin, School Business Manager
Bridget Baumstark (PPC Rep)
Kathy Bredemann
Kelly Gill (School Board Rep)
Colin Gubbins (Building & Grounds Rep)
Robert Hicks
William McGowan
Carlo Santucci (School Board Rep)
Tom Schufeider
Tom Zidar

2022-2023 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Jerry Boland, Pastor
Tom O'Brien, Deanery Rep
Mark Cullum, Chairperson
Sara Carsten, Vice Chairperson
Patti Lawler, Secretary
Steve Schmidt
John Nicolau
Mike Wycklendt
Bridget Baumstark
Gretchen Zagzebski
John Simons
Michelene Bajakian
Brian Callahan
Tom Huffman
Sandy McBreen
Ben Parma

The Parish Finance Council (PFC) assists the pastor by supporting his stewardship of parish resources while being accountable to the parish and the diocesan bishop. An active, well-formed PFC is a key element for promoting the financial health of a parish and assuring accountability. The PFC works closely with the pastor, in an advisory and consultative role.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) helps to implement the Church's renewed concept of shared responsibility among laity, religious and clergy. The PPC is the central coordinating group of the Parish, serving in an advisory role to the Pastor. The PPC is responsible for visioning, long-range planning, and policy decisions of the Parish.

MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS

On May 1, 2023, **Deacon Jim Revord** celebrated his 30th anniversary of Diaconate Ordination at the 8:30am Mass with reception afterward. Thank you Jim and **Pat Revord** for your many years of dedicated service to the OLPH Community.

On Friday, June 2, 2023, the Arts & Environment Ministry hosted a reception for **Sally Corbett** to thank her for her many years of leadership. Not only has she coordinated all efforts to beautify our church, she also personally designed and sewed the antependiums that hang before the altar and the fine linens that decorate the altar table.



(Left) Sandy McBreen, Pat Revord, Jim Revord, and Pat Marohn at the 30th anniversary celebration; (Below) Sally Corbett at Mass before her reception.



GENERAL OFFERTORY AND PLANNED GIVING

An Invitation to Stewardship

SUMMARY

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.

Yearly, 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 fiscal year and return a form stating your intention. By making a commitment to regular giving through the Offertory Program, you are helping our Finance Council to budget responsibly.

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 \$183,000 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

INTENTIONAL OFFERTORY INITIATIVE

- Intentional commitment - prayerfully consider your total, annual contribution
- Fiscally responsible - our Finance Council is better able to budget

ON-LINE GIVING

- 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.....	\$5,385,377
Received through July 15, 2023	\$4,481,413



Russell Stern & Friends concert was a wonderful event in February 2023, and featured violinist Mark Agnor, cellist Matt Agnew and flutist Laura Hamm.

OLPH BALANCE SHEET

FINANCIAL POSITION at JUNE 30

		2023	2022
ASSETS			
Checking & Money Market Accounts			
Parish & School	(1)	\$4,108,691	\$3,476,919
Auxiliary Accounts		143,560	124,835
Needy Family Fund - Restricted	(6)	<u>862,491</u>	<u>741,420</u>
Total Cash		<u>\$5,114,742</u>	<u>\$4,343,174</u>
Investments & Savings			
CDs/Savings - Parish & School	(2)	\$1,001,166	\$1,465,943
CDs - Needy Family Fund - Restricted	(3), (6)	1,417,271	1,203,783
Savings - To Teach Who Christ Is - Restricted	(6)	1,047,719	1,011,004
CDs/Savings - Designated for Long Term Capital Projects	(2), (6)	942,577	756,962
Parish Endowment for School - Restricted	(4), (5)	<u>8,947,680</u>	<u>8,513,834</u>
Total Investments & Savings		<u>\$13,356,413</u>	<u>\$12,951,526</u>
Receivables & Other Assets		<u>\$39,879</u>	<u>\$27,601</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$18,511,034</u>	<u>\$17,322,301</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		\$420,997	\$233,879
Other Accrued Liabilities		<u>73,055</u>	<u>90,783</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$494,052</u>	<u>\$324,662</u>
NET ASSETS			
Without Restriction		\$4,333,250	\$4,304,642
With Restriction or Designation			
Parish Endowment for School	(5)	8,947,680	8,513,834
Other Restricted Donations & Funds	(6)	4,270,058	3,713,169
Prior Capital & Operating Reserves		<u>465,994</u>	<u>465,994</u>
Total with Restriction		<u>\$13,683,732</u>	<u>\$12,692,997</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>\$18,016,982</u>	<u>\$16,997,639</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets		<u>\$18,511,034</u>	<u>\$17,322,301</u>

Notes:

(1) Increase in cash is due to significant School grants received and fundraising results for the School in FY23.

(2) School CDs cashed in for specific purpose use; Parish funds moved to restricted line.

(3) Increase is due to purchase of additional CD for NFF from FY22 surplus.

(4) Increase is due to market value increase and additions, net of annual distribution paid to the School.

(5) Total assets of \$18.5 million include \$8.9 million for Parish Endowment for the School, which is a long-term restricted fund, established to provide sustainability for the School by providing a funding of up to 5% of the investment value at each calendar year end. Although included on the Balance Sheet and Income Statement of OLPH Parish, this fund is available only for the restricted purpose of the Endowment Fund for the School.

(6) Assets of \$4.3 million are restricted or designated for specific future purposes, which include Needy Family Fund, new capital projects and future capital projects.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Revenue	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Sunday & Holy Days (Gross)	\$3,047,179	85% (1)	\$2,938,885	84%	\$108,294	4%
Sunday Collection - First Fruits alloc	(182,827)	-5%	(176,089)	-5%	(6,738)	4%
Women's Club Fundraising	155,754	4%	133,008	4%	22,746	17%
Wagner Trust	329,545	9% (2)	293,119	8%	36,426	12%
Interest on Deposits	45,374	1%	23,670	1%	21,704	92%
Appeal Rebate	34,214	1% (3)	60,709	2%	(26,495)	-44%
Other Income	184,256	5%	213,753	6%	(29,497)	-14%
Total Operating Revenue	\$3,613,495	100%	\$3,487,055	100%	\$126,440	4%

Operating Expenses	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,235,805	36% (4)	\$1,125,380	32%	\$110,425	10%
School Subsidy	893,436	26%	893,436	25%	-	0%
Liturgy & Music	38,596	1%	55,490	2%	(16,894)	-30%
Other Ministries	11,182	0%	7,549	0%	3,633	48%
Administration	534,413	15% (5)	439,364	12%	95,049	22%
Archdiocesan Assessment	358,224	10% (6)	313,744	9%	44,480	14%
Maintenance & Utilities	294,106	9%	281,006	8%	13,100	5%
Repairs & Improvements	54,320	2% (7)	122,741	3%	(68,421)	-56%
Furnishing, Equipment & Rectory	17,462	1%	31,642	1%	(14,180)	-45%
Miscellaneous	16,562	0% (5),(8)	295,413	8%	(278,851)	-94%
Total Operating Expenses	\$3,454,106	100%	\$3,565,765	100%	\$(111,659)	-3%
Net Operating Income	\$159,389	(9)	\$(78,710)		\$238,099	303%

Extraordinary Revenue/Expense	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Bequests	\$116,024	94% (10)	\$14,075	-1%	\$101,949	724%
(Decrease)/Increase in Parish School						
Endowment Investment	433,846	352% (11)	(1,408,814)	111%	1,842,660	131%
Capital Collections	84,165	68% (12)	213,699	-17%	(129,534)	-61%
Capital Improvements	(510,653)	-414% (7),(13)	(82,575)	7%	(428,078)	-518%
Net Extraordinary Income	\$123,382	100%	\$(1,263,615)	100%	\$1,386,997	110%
Net	\$282,771		\$(1,342,325)		\$1,625,096	121%

Notes:

(1) While up and down throughout the year, giving intended for General Offertory and Operations increased 4% from FY22 to FY23, while still \$230,000 below FY21. Included in FY23 was a Catch Up Sunday collection, generating \$167,000. FY22 did not have a Catch Up solicitation.

(2) Wagner Trust income is the annual distribution to OLPH 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 end.

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

(4) FY23 staff costs include fully staffed positions, with Arch fringe benefits back to levels existing before COVID.

(5) In FY23, Admin costs include professional fees for video production, live streaming, etc, while FY22 included those costs in Miscellaneous Expense, as part of COVID activities. FY23 Admin line also saw an increase in insurance and priest retirement allocation.

(6) Amount paid to the Archdiocese annually, based on approximately 10% of a prior year's calculation of ordinary earned income. This assessment helps to support the many Archdiocesan agencies available to assist and support an individual parish. These include facilities, finances, schools, the tribunal, the office of stewardship and development. We also help support parishes in communities of poverty. From the Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal, run by the Archdiocese, we benefit from a rebate if our parish generates funds over our goal.

(7) Focus in FY23 was on major Capital projects, more so than general repairs/minor non-capital improvements, as we saw in FY22.

(8) Miscellaneous expense line in FY22 includes \$200,000 which relates to Auxiliary groups' activities, where distributions for two years (FY21 and FY22) were paid out to the School, Religious Ed, Youth Ministry, Needy Family Fund and outside charities during FY22, with the payment (expense) side of these transactions shown in this line. FY23 shows revenue generated in FY23 being distributed in FY23, thus no large revenue or expense balance at year end.

(9) Net results at the Operating Income level for FY23 shows a surplus of \$159,389, due to increases in certain revenue items and lower than planned spending in the general repairs line. We are grateful for your support, allowing us to achieve a positive operations result for the year!

(10) In FY23 we received a \$95,000 memorial designated for McDonnell Hall renovation project.

(11) In FY23, the Parish Endowment for the School saw an increase of 8.9%, related to market value, investment income and realized gains. The annual 5% distribution of principal balance to the school and the addition of new gifts account for remaining activity. As these funds are designated for restricted purposes and subject to specific rules of annual distribution, these funds are considered extraordinary. Annual distributions become operating income on the School financial statement.

(12) FY22 includes To Teach Who Christ Is pledge payments, designated for capital projects identified at the outset of the campaign. FY23 includes \$39,000 in TTWCI funds and \$45,000 towards Bring Back the Bells and Clock Tower projects.

(13) FY23 Capital Improvements include Monticello Roof and door; website upgrade; initial down payments on Playdium Roof, Playdium HVAC, Church carpeting, and new pool heater.

PARISH SCHOOL

THE IMPACT OF GIVING 2022-2023

Technology & Instructional Enhancements

- Replaced Promethean Active Touch Panels in classrooms
- Acquired 115 iPads with keyboard and pencil for K-5 students
- Replaced 30 desktops with laptops for teachers
- Added new switches for internet access in all buildings
- Continued to utilize Blackbaud website software as well as Seesaw, Google, iXL, iReady, Showbie and all online textbooks



Improved Facilities & Safety Resources

- Painted Lexington and Monticello bathrooms
- Refinished terrazzo floors in Playdium, Mount Vernon, and Monticello
- Initiated the School Safety Program
- Added safety officers to be on campus from 6:30am to 6:30pm
- Purchased additional parking lot barriers to ensure student safety at recess
- Installed new outdoor intercom system and added phones in every classroom to communicate effectively throughout campus

Nurtured Spiritual Growth

- Celebrated 69 Confirmandi with Bishop Perry
- Witnessed 75 First Reconciliations & First Holy Communions
- Hosted 8th Grade Day of Reflection in preparation for Confirmation

Ensured Fiscal Responsibility

- Awarded Dussman Scholarships to 56 OLPH students
- Awarded Empower Illinois Scholarships to 6 students
- Maintained fiscal integrity with our operating budget
- Preserved high-quality of instruction, services, and programs

Invested in our Dedicated Staff

- Afforded 15 faculty members with extraordinary development opportunities
- Assisted 2 faculty members pursuing their Master's degree
- In-Serviced the entire faculty in safety and security procedures
- Implemented the Teacher Retention Program; gifted 63 teachers with a monetary bonus

Parish and Community Connection

- Donated warm winter goods, canned food and Christmas gifts to our sharing parishes
- Collected \$5,282 for Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Puerto Rico
- Hosted Summer Enrichment Program and Athletic Camps for more than 250 children in the Glenview community
- Voted Best Private K-8 & Best Preschool in Glenbrook Reader's Choice 2023 Awards



SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT



Revenue	Actual 2022-2023			Actual 2021-2022			Variance	
Tuition & Fees	\$6,112,370	69.0%	1	\$6,035,560	71.4%		\$76,810	1.3%
Annual Fund (net)	538,921	6.1%		601,951	7.1%		(63,030)	-10.5%
Men's Club	97,500	1.1%		210,000	2.6%		(112,500)	-53.6%
Endowment	512,335	5.8%	2	448,459	5.3%		63,876	14.2%
Stem Lab (net)	-	-		700	0.0%		(700)	-100.0%
Dussman	217,045	2.4%	3	188,869	2.2%		28,176	14.9%
Subsidy (gross)	893,436	10.1%		893,436	10.6%		0	0.0%
Other Income	<u>488,044</u>	<u>5.5%</u>	4	<u>68,388</u>	<u>0.8%</u>		<u>419,656</u>	613.6%
Total Income	\$8,859,651	100.00%		\$8,447,363	100.00%		\$412,288	4.9%
Expenses	Actual 2022-2023			Actual 2021-2022			Variance	
Salaries & Benefits	\$6,706,772	79.5%	5	\$5,928,906	77.6%		\$777,866	13.1%
Insurance & Fees	189,652	2.3%		176,825	2.3%		12,827	7.3%
Books & Supplies	186,909	2.2%	6	170,283	2.2%		16,626	9.8%
Programs & Enrichment	117,534	1.4%		146,862	1.9%		(29,328)	-20.0%
Technology	55,320	0.8%		271,231	3.5%		(215,911)	-79.6%
Administration	357,047	4.2%		319,475	4.2%		37,572	11.8%
Maintenance & Utilities	441,441	5.2%	7	273,162	3.6%		168,279	61.6%
Furnishing & Equipment	29,881	0.4%		23,255	0.3%		6,626	28.5%
Miscellaneous	<u>341,168</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	8	<u>332,546</u>	<u>4.4%</u>		<u>8,622</u>	2.6%
Total Expense	\$8,425,724	100.00%		\$7,642,545	100.00%		\$783,179	10.2%
Net	<u><u>\$433,927</u></u>			<u><u>\$804,818</u></u>			<u><u>\$(370,891)</u></u>	-46.1%

2022-23 School Year: 773 students

2021-22 School Year: 801 students

Notes:

- (1) OLPH School tuition revenue reflects a tuition increase of 5.0%.
- (2) The Endowment donation increased substantially.
- (3) Dussman donations increased.
- (4) Received an award of over \$400,000 in non-public school grants from the state of Illinois (EANS funding).

- (5) Salaries increased 5% & Health Insurance costs increased 10%.
- (6) Purchased Language Arts series for grades 3-8.
- (7) Initiated the School Safety Program.
- (8) OLPH School Dussman Scholarships were awarded to 56 students.

NEEDY FAMILY FUND

Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund served more than 60 Families during the past year.

The Fund is in a strong position due to the generous bequests that were received during the past year. We are very grateful to the parishioners of OLPH who continue to support the Needy Family Fund (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 self-sufficiency plan.
- Clients meet weekly to monthly with social worker to assist and evaluate their progress with the plan.

Initiatives in Progress

- Increased support to refugee resettlement efforts with Catholic Charities.
- Efforts continue to assist in finding better paying jobs for clients and to enhance job stability.
- Volunteer assistance for NFF clients in filing tax returns, child credit apps., etc.



Sr. Paulanne with students selling lemonade to raise money for the Needy Family Fund.

NEEDY FAMILY FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Revenue	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Donations	\$1,040,713	99%	\$1,012,987	100%	\$27,726	3%
Interest & Investment Income	13,489	1%	3,194	0%	10,295	322%
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,054,202	100%	\$1,016,181	100%	\$38,021	4%

Operating Expenses	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Mortgage & Rent	\$259,973	35%	\$159,515	34%	\$100,458	63%
Utilities	27,063	4%	13,729	3%	13,334	97%
Auto Related Expense	125,903	17%	81,265	17%	44,638	55%
Social Worker, Mental Health, Counseling	26,085	4%	41,157	9%	(15,072)	-37%
Health Ins, Medical, Dental	17,526	2%	6,274	1%	11,252	179%
Tuition, Job Training	60,497	8%	44,802	10%	15,695	35%
Other Services, Donations	86,540	12%	49,025	11%	37,515	77%
Refugee Resettlement, Sharing, Clothing	23,199	3%	15,617	3%	7,582	49%
Food, Clothing, School & Household Supplies, Medications	103,498	14%	53,653	11%	49,845	93%
Administration	5,675	1%	6,005	1%	(330)	-6%
Total Operating Expenses	\$735,959	100% (1)	\$471,042	100%	\$264,917	56%

Net Operating Income **\$318,243** **\$545,139** **\$(226,896)** **-42%**

Extra-Ordinary Revenue	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Bequests, Estates, Memorials	\$ -		\$441,800		\$(441,800)	-100%
Net	\$318,243	(2)	\$986,939		\$(668,696)	-68%

(1) The continued increase in and availability of resources has enabled the Needy Family Fund to respond to additional requests for assistance in FY23. Expenses have increased by over 50% from FY22.

(2) Any surplus generated by the NFF program is restricted for future use only within the NFF program.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Bright New Staff, A Bright New Approach

Director of Religious Education

Erin Bretts was named as the new Director of Religious Education (RE) and Youth Ministry (YM) at OLPH Parish in the summer of 2023. Erin accepted a part-time position in 2022 when she moved to Glenview from the city. Erin came to us from St. Josaphat Parish in Lincoln Park. Her experience as the Religious Education Coordinator combined with her business background have been a great addition to the RE program.

In the Fall of 2023, we welcomed **Kathy Heublein** as a part-time DRE assistant. Kathy has happily contributed to assisting Erin in her Director of Religious Education Role.

Religious Education 2022 - 2023

Religious Education had a wonderful year with 435 students from Kindergarten through 8th grade enrolled in the program. During the 2022 – 2023 school year, two different learning models were offered. More than 435 students joined the Religious Education program on campus for weekly, in-person classes and 20 families participated in the Family Catechesis program.



R.E. classroom in action!

Sacraments

Throughout the two different learning models offered, students prepared to receive their First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. As we were still rebounding from COVID, our Religious Education program had a wonderful group of young people receive Sacraments during the Spring of 2023.

We had 144 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 75 for the first time, students receiving their First Communion, and 69 students the Sacrament of Confirmation. We were able to offer beautiful, in-person celebrations for our young people and their families.



R.E. First Communion with Fr. Jerry. We had 75 students receive their First Communion in May 2023.

Volunteers

The Religious Education program at OLPH would not be possible without the ongoing support and dedication of our many dedicated volunteers. During the 2022 – 2023 school year, Religious Education had 41 Catechists volunteer with our students weekly, and a number of additional volunteers who assisted with our Family Catechesis program and served as substitute Catechists as needed.

These volunteers are quiet and devoted models of our faith. They give so freely of their time and talent to share Christ with the young children of our church. This program would not be possible without them. The Religious Education Program and the children of our parish are extremely blessed to have such wonderful people who are willing to give so much.



At our annual Birthday Bash in February 2023, R.E. students made 175 Birthday Boxes for children in need.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating Revenue	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Tuition & Fees	\$131,683	83%	\$119,829	73%	\$11,854	10%
Donations	26,150	17% (1)	45,300	27%	(19,150)	-42%
Total Operating Revenue	\$157,833	100%	\$165,129	100%	\$(7,296)	-4%
Operating Expenses	2022-2023 Actual		2021-2022 Actual		Variance	
Salaries & Benefits	\$96,786	56% (2)	\$82,028	57%	\$14,758	18%
Books & Supplies	32,202	19%	27,573	19%	4,629	17%
Administration	14,795	8%	9,171	7%	5,624	61%
Maintenance & Utilities	11,761	7%	9,060	6%	2,701	30%
Other Program Costs	16,915	10%	15,965	11%	950	6%
Total Operating Expenses	\$172,459	100% (3)	\$143,797	100%	\$28,662	20%
Net	\$(14,626)		\$21,332		\$(35,958)	-169%

1> FY23 includes annual donation from the Men's Club, while FY22 includes annual donation for both FY21 and FY22.

2> FY22 included unfilled position for part of the year.

3> FY23 programming was back to pre-COVID levels

2022-23 School Year: 435 students

2021-22 School Year: 493 students

PARISH-WIDE SURVEY

Archdiocese of Chicago/ Catholic Leadership Institute Survey

During March 2023, OLPH parishioners participated in a survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI). The purpose of the survey was to ask parishioners to reflect on their spiritual growth and on how well OLPH parish is doing in helping them grow. The 75 question survey encompassed four categories: Attitude & Belief, Relationship & Satisfaction, Participation, and Demographics.

We had 651 parishioners complete the on-line survey (43% of 1,500 average Sunday Mass going parishioners). We were very pleased at such a high level of parishioner participation. In fact, our level of participation ranked among the highest of parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Since July, a team of OLPH parishioners including past PPC Chair **Tom O'Brien** and current PPC Board member **Bridget Baumstark** have been evaluating the results and identifying OLPH strengths and opportunities for future action for our parish.

Overall, staff, and lay leadership of the parish were very pleased with the results of the survey. Based on the responses received, these were three areas that were ranked the highest:

- "I would recommend my pastor to a friend." **91%** Strongly Agree or Agree
- "I would recommend my parish to a friend." **92%** Strongly Agree or Agree
- "I personally believe the Eucharist really is the body and blood of Christ." **84%** Strongly Agree or Agree

The survey results will help us enhance parish vitality by developing core leadership teams, building and fostering a culture of evangelization, and implementing long-term pastoral plans for making disciples, building communities, and inspiring witness.

Highlights of the results of the survey were communicated to parishioners in the Bulletins in latter part of 2023 and also during a Fireside Chat with Fr. Jerry. More information, including next steps, will be presented in the near future.



Dir. of Communications **Terry Luc** (left) speaking with **Fr. Jerry Boland** and **Tom O'Brien** about the parish survey during a recent Fireside Chat program.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Dynamically Engaging our Teens

Our Mission

The mission of the OLPH Youth Ministry is to dynamically engage our teens in the life of our parish and create a presence on campus and in our community through a variety of experiences of worship and service, friendship and fun.



We wrote to the families of St. Catherine Labouré who lost a loved one this year. We said a prayer over all of the letters.

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Zoe Sundstrom was named Youth Ministry Coordinator at the end of the summer of 2022. She has done an outstanding job growing this important ministry.

Erin Bretts said of Zoe, "Zoe Sundstrom has wholeheartedly embraced her responsibility to create a vivacious OLPH Youth Ministry Program. On top of Zoe's full-time job, in her part-time position as YM Coordinator,

she spends 20-25 hours each week organizing faith based and fun opportunities for teens to worship God and to serve God through serving others. This time together fosters the foundations of lasting faith centric friendships."

Our Program

By far the most rewarding part of coordinating our OLPH Youth Ministry Program has been watching personalities emerge and friendships develop. Our teens warmly welcome all who attend. Every teen brings their own gifts to our program. All gifts are opened and celebrated. Our Youth Room is our space where we talk, laugh, eat, play, serve, share our joys, and sometimes our fears, where we trust and know that we are loved. It's been wonderful, and empowering, to bring some of their ideas to life, too. I love hearing "How late can we stay?" or "When is our next Youth Ministry event?" The word "our"- it's their program! - Zoe Sundstrom



Rarely an evening goes by without a game of foosball, ping pong, or shuffleboard.

NEW ADDITION TO OUR TEAM

Hi, my name is **Zoe Sundstrom** and I am the Youth Ministry Coordinator at OLPH.

My family and I are grateful parishioners of OLPH for over 18 years. I wholeheartedly treasure time shared with my children **Jack, Sierra, and Heather**. Anyone who knows me knows that I love ALL children. For almost 30 years I have practiced as a pediatric speech-language pathologist and feeding specialist. I serve children of the Catholic church as a Religious Education catechist and a SPRED catechist. Time spent with our Arts & Environment Ministry brings me much joy.

The Lord unexpectedly called me to this new opportunity as the OLPH Youth Ministry Coordinator. For this I am grateful every day. In my "Zoe time" I enjoy small adventures, reading, golfing, and loving my pet bunny.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Keeping Everything Working and Improving

The work of our Maintenance Team never stops. Responding so effectively to the changing demands of the many buildings and grounds of our campus is a great testament to the leadership of **Fr. Boland** and the dedication of **Mike Hrvojevic**, Director of Facilities, and his entire staff.

2023 was an incredibly busy time. Here are projects undertaken and started during the fiscal year, which were completed over the summer of 2023:

- Playdium - new roof /drains /new exhausts
- Playdium - hvac / added gas line / now has cooling and heating in gym and all common areas
- Playdium gym floor - complete sand and new paint and finish
- Playdium - control switches for lighting
- Playdium - terrazzo floor restored and polished at classroom side and stair wells
- Terrazzo floor restored and polished in classrooms and restrooms
- Playdium pool - new upgraded pool heater
- Carrolton - upgraded lighting to LED and new ceiling tile system
- Lexington - new LED lighting

Maintenance Staff



Our Maintenance Staff: (l to r) Salvador Villagomez, Remy Valentin, Larry Maigler, Wesley Luszcz, Adam Basalaj, Javier Ayala Morteo, Paciano Robles. (Not pictured: Edwin Valentine)

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.

- Church - replacement of all carpeting
- Broken brick pavers replaced throughout campus
- Parking lot resealed and striped
- Carpet cleaned
- Yearly maintenance and custodial tasks

SHARING MINISTRY

40 Years of Serving the Needy



OLPH Sharing Ministry

Sharing's roots were seeded 40 years ago as an action response to RENEW. Who could have imagined how these seeds would grow? We were established to feed the hungry, and set out to serve the needy at four sharing parishes, the names of which are now St. James, St. Sabina, St. Josephine of Bakhita (formerly St. Philip Neri) and Mother of the Americas (formerly Our Lady of Tepeyac). We are grateful to all of our donors who supported our many efforts for these past 40 years.

This Year's Efforts

This past year found us working to recreate energy, following the COVID shutdown. Momentum has been building and 2022-2023 found the Sharing Room humming back to life. Highlights of the year include:

The Women's Club Sponsored Drives

- Fall Food Drive
- Laundry Drive
- Socks/Underwear Drive
- Sleeping Bag Drive
- Brown Bag Blitz
- Dignity Drive
- Diaper Drive
- School Supply Drive

The Men's Club sponsored a Coat Drive. Our Knit for Life Ministry donated many cases of warm hats, scarves and lap blankets.

We welcomed donations of clothing and housewares, keeping volunteers quite busy, sorting and preparing these items for delivery to our sharing parishes, Catholic Charities, The Women's Center, Northwest Settlement House, Matthew House, Madonna House, Connections for the Homeless and beyond. We fed the homeless and marginalized at Catholic Charities with eight dinners, serving close to 1,000 meals.

OLPH volunteers performed daily food rescue pick-ups at Trader Joe's, delivering to local agencies. Through generous community support, we were able to pick up holiday meals at Jewel Foods at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, feeding thousands.

The Befriend a Family program provided support during the various Holiday seasons to 170 needy families, both within our own community and the communities of our four sharing parishes. We are also grateful to the support provided through Drives conducted by OLPH School and Religious Education. Our Youth Group has also been quite supportive of our efforts.

All this was made possible through generous parishioner participation and an army of dedicated volunteers.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE SHARING MINISTRY AT OLPH

The Mass to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Sharing Ministry at OLPH was celebrated November 26; the first weekend of Advent 2022. It featured the lighting of the first Advent candle symbolizing Hope. An inspiring homily was given by Pastor **Rev. Jeremiah Boland**. The Mass was capped off with a touching presentation of flowers by Sharing Ministry Leader, **Betty Collins**, to our **Sr. Paulanne Held**.

Sr. Paulanne received the flowers to a standing ovation and then spoke to the congregation about the special importance of the Sharing Ministry. Priests and other representatives of our four Sharing Parishes were in attendance at this special Mass.



Betty Collins presenting flowers to Sr. Paulanne Held with a standing ovation from the entire congregation.

Afterward, Fr. Jerry commented: "Our celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Sharing Program was very moving. I am grateful to **Pat Marohn** and her wonderful committee. The church is still reverberating from the ovation Sr. Paulanne received. It was great to celebrate with **Fr. Tom Belanger**, pastor of St. Josephine Bakhita, and **Fr. John Edmunds** from St. James.

We were grateful for the many parishioners from our Sharing Parishes. St. Sabina, Mother of the Americas, St. Josephine Bakhita, and St. James who joined us."

Fr. Patrick Kizza, **Fr. Larry Basbas**, and **Fr. Jim Barrett**, all from OLPH, were also co-celebrants for this special event.

Leading up to this Mass were numerous articles written in our weekly Church Bulletin by volunteers and ministry leaders of the Sharing Ministry. These articles were

compiled in a special Commemorative Booklet that was published in February 2023. A special Commemorative Christmas ornament was created and sold at the Women's Club Holly Fair. (See below.)



Background

The roots of the Sharing Ministry date to 1971 when **Fr. Myles McDonnell** arrived at OLPH from St. James Church in Chicago where he had been pastor. Fr. McDonnell had spent much of his priesthood in economically disadvantaged communities, such as St. James. He wanted to build a bridge between OLPH and St. James. Could we share the bounty of our blessings with those who had to deal with hunger and poverty?

Sr. Paulanne was deeply moved by this concept and helped Fr. McDonnell implement his dream. She invited parishioner **Rich Tilghman** to head a committee to organize this project. Not only was this a remarkable project here at OLPH, but it became a prototype of connecting parishes in need with parishes that were in a stronger financial situation.

Cardinal John Cody of Chicago was taken by this vision and out of the OLPH experience, he established a policy that called for every parish in the Chicago archdiocese to be linked with another parish, especially parishes of means, with those that were challenged. OLPH and St. James became the prototype of what a sharing relationship should look like. What was ingenious about the OLPH - St. James relationship was its encouragement of forging relationships between the two parishes and not just the sending of a check.

Over time, three additional disadvantaged Chicago parishes would become Sharing Partners with OLPH. It would not be possible to determine the amount of financial assistance, families fed, and mutual celebrations experienced over the past 40 years. The Sharing Ministry has been a transformative influence on the life of OLPH.

For the promotional efforts of this important commemoration, OLPH was awarded a silver Golden Trumpet Award from the Publicity Club of Chicago in 2023.



OUR PARISH

In numbers

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Population



10,561 Individuals
3,196 Parish Families
133 New Families

Sacraments

1,200+ Masses
312 Digital Masses
160 Baptisms
150 First Communion
139 Confirmations
27 Marriages
86 Funerals

50+ Ministries
40+ Years of Sharing
70+ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
65 Altar Servers
45 Members in Music Ministry
42 Altar Servers
840+ Women's Club Members in 39 Guilds

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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



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Director of Finance & Operations



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Director of RE & Youth Ministry



Jim & Pat Revord
Deacon Couple



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Director of Music



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