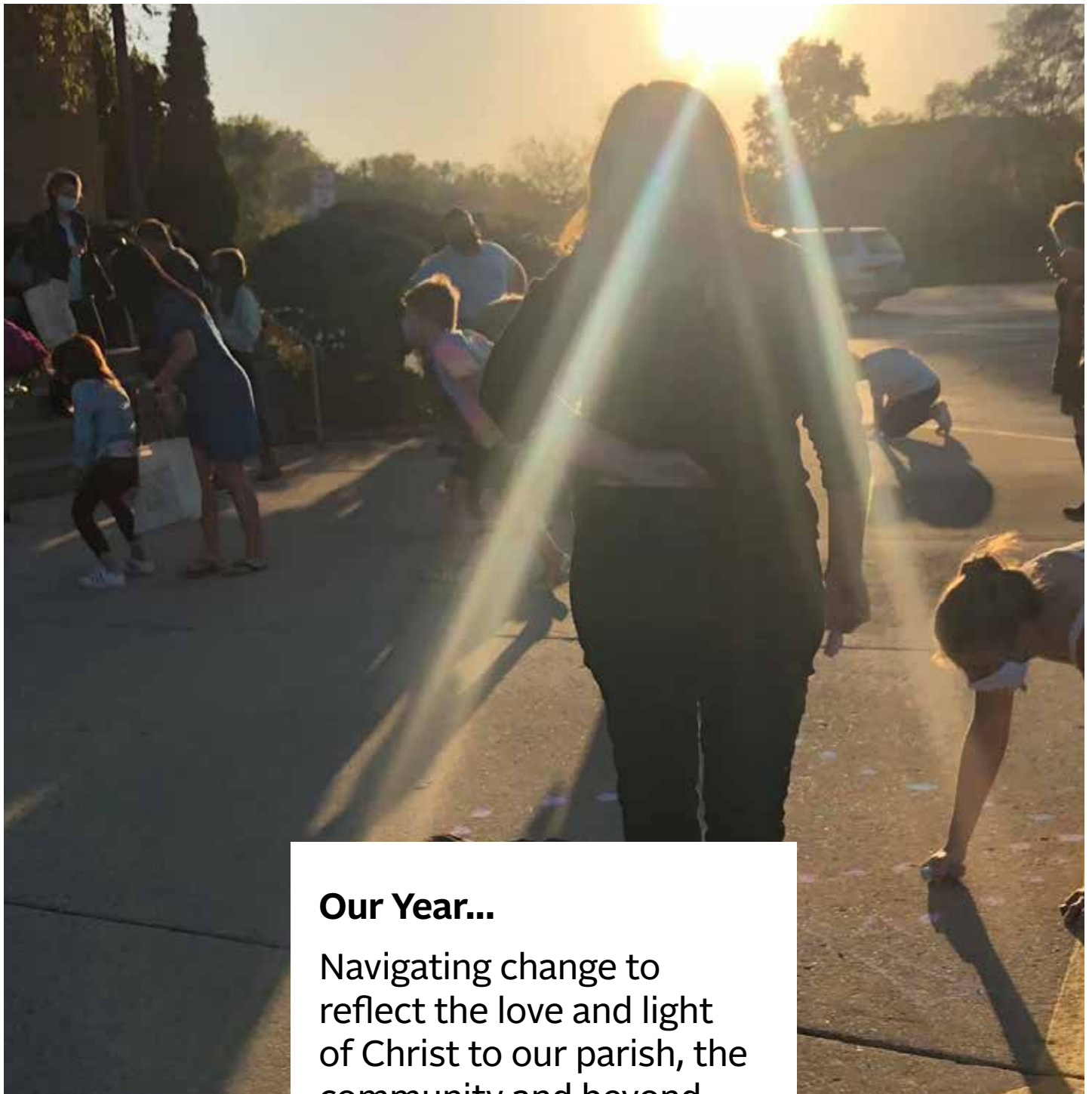


**OUR LADY OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH**

GIVING IMPACT REPORT FY22



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Our Year...

Navigating change to reflect the love and light of Christ to our parish, the community and beyond.

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Mission, Vision & Values

Under Mary's mantle, and with the guidance of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament seeks to share God's love by celebrating the sacraments, proclaiming the gospel, and serving the needs of all His children.

To be God's witness, telling others of the love that we receive in Jesus Christ and also loving others as He loves us.



Love. Growing in relationship with Jesus Christ, experiencing God's loving presence and sharing God's love with those we encounter.

Knowledge. Understanding Catholic teaching and discerning God's call for our lives through a full sacramental life and ongoing faith formation.

Culture. Cultivating a culture of life by honoring all God's creation, caring for our common home and respecting human dignity.

Service. Caring for all His children by generously sharing our time, talent and treasure in service to our parish and our community.

Welcome. Creating a warm, inviting and inclusive atmosphere where all feel welcome.

A Message from Fr. Dan

This was a year marked by many transitions. We began getting used to our consolidated parish office space at St. Julian Eymard. From time to time I know people still forget about this move—change takes time to get used to! Beyond our parish boundaries, we were shocked by the invasion of Ukraine. Many people find themselves worried about the prospects of greater global conflict and the continued economic impacts of violence. As Christians, we continue to pray and work for peace and unity.

As COVID restrictions and protocols began to ease, we gathered in response to the Holy Father's call to pray, to listen, and to converse with each other as part of the global Synod. We heard from the Holy Spirit and from each other about a desire for community and belonging and a renewed ardor for our relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

We continued to equip our youngest companions on the journey to live as disciples of Jesus. Though masks were required for most of the year, teachers and staff presented as close to a "normal" year as possible at Queen of the Rosary School. Before-and-after-school programs resumed, and that along with continued strong enrollment and fundraising grew the school's small surplus to \$70,000.

Similarly, in-person instruction for Religious Education resumed. Last year we split instruction between Queen of the Rosary and St. Julian Eymard. This created some logistical problems such as lopsided class sizes and needing to move materials back and forth. But, most importantly it often challenged our Coordinator of Religious Education to be in two places at one time, an impossibility as we all know. We were also glad to welcome back Totus Tuus, a week-long summer camp for children and teens. I'm so grateful to all our volunteers who helped make that a good experience for our parish community and I look forward to having it back next summer!

While Sunday offertory has not been restored to pre-pandemic levels, we saw a modest 7.5% increase in Sunday giving last year over FY21. Even more encouraging was the removal of all restrictions for attendance at Mass. With no masking and no social distancing requirements, and considerably warmer weather, we welcomed 1,200 parishioners and guests to Palm Sunday liturgies and 1,800 on Easter Sunday compared to just 1,500 at Christmas where we offered twice as many Mass times. Joy in gathering was reflected in your giving. Our Easter offertory matched our Christmas offertory at \$71,000.00.

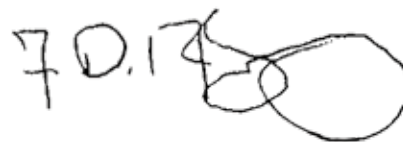
We invested proceeds from our Annual Catholic Appeal into improvements that you've likely seen, and heard! Our ACA rebate of \$21,000, plus parishioner donations

of \$9,000, paid for sound system upgrades at both St. Julian and Queen of the Rosary. Primary work on the St. Julian system was complete in time for Easter Sunday Masses, while work on the system at Queen of the Rosary was delayed to late Summer due to supply chain issues. In addition to improved sound in our worship sites and on live-stream from St. Julian, we're pleased that the new system will connect to an app called Listen Everywhere to provide assistive listening. Look for details on connecting assistive listening devices to our sound systems to be available shortly.

At the beginning of FY22, we recognized \$272,000 from the sale of the unoccupied rectory house on Bristol Lane, and \$30,000 of that was directed to our Grounds & Garden Ministry for improvements at both Queen of the Rosary and St. Julian Eymard. New landscaping has been installed at both Queen of the Rosary and St. Julian, and patios were installed behind the rectory at Queen of the Rosary and behind the church at St. Julian to create outdoor meeting and gathering spaces for ministry. A bench and chair were relocated from St. Julian to Queen of the Rosary to create a welcome space in front of the church, much like the benches we have in front of St. Julian. And our Crucifix Garden at QR and the Marian Garden at SJE received uplifts including new plants and seating. All totaled, we now have six outdoor gardens for ministry use or personal prayer and reflection (QR Marian Garden, QR Crucifix Garden, QR Rectory Patio, SJE Marian Garden, SJE Joseph Garden, SJE Ministry Patio.)

Your generosity to support vulnerable children and families, at-risk pregnancies and mothers in need through our Lenten Almsgiving, Respect Life Month, Season for Life and Season of Giving campaigns continues to amaze and encourage me. In the last year, your donations of time, talent and treasure helped support the good works of Catholic Charities, Mundelein Seminary, Catholic Extension, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, Mission Our Lady of Angels, impoverished families in Elk Grove Township and crisis pregnancy centers Aid for Women, TLC Pregnancy Services, The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland and Project Rachel.

Please read on to view the financial tables and discover more about the human side of FY22 at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. After all, our finances paint only half the picture.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read '70.17' followed by a stylized, circular flourish.

Fr. Dan Folwaczny, Pastor

Youth & Family Ministry, by the Numbers



14 Teachers | 8 Aides | 7 Extended Care

**STUDENTS
INSTRUCTORS**



14 Catechists | 5 Volunteers | 3 Substitutes



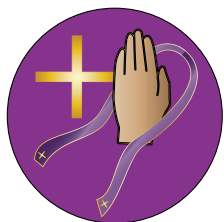
Not all schools managed to stay together. And of course,
our class is not like other 'COVID Classes.'

—Albert C. Queen of the Rosary School 2022 All Around Student

SACRAMENTS



77
Baptism



66
First Reconciliation



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First Eucharist

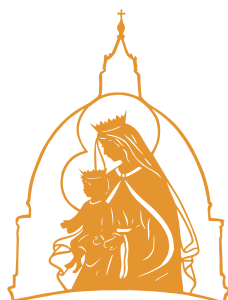


44
Confirmation



9
Matrimony

CAMPERS



50
Totus Tuus
June 12 - 17, 2022



6
Catholic Heart
Work Camp
Steubenville, OH
June 19 - 24, 2022

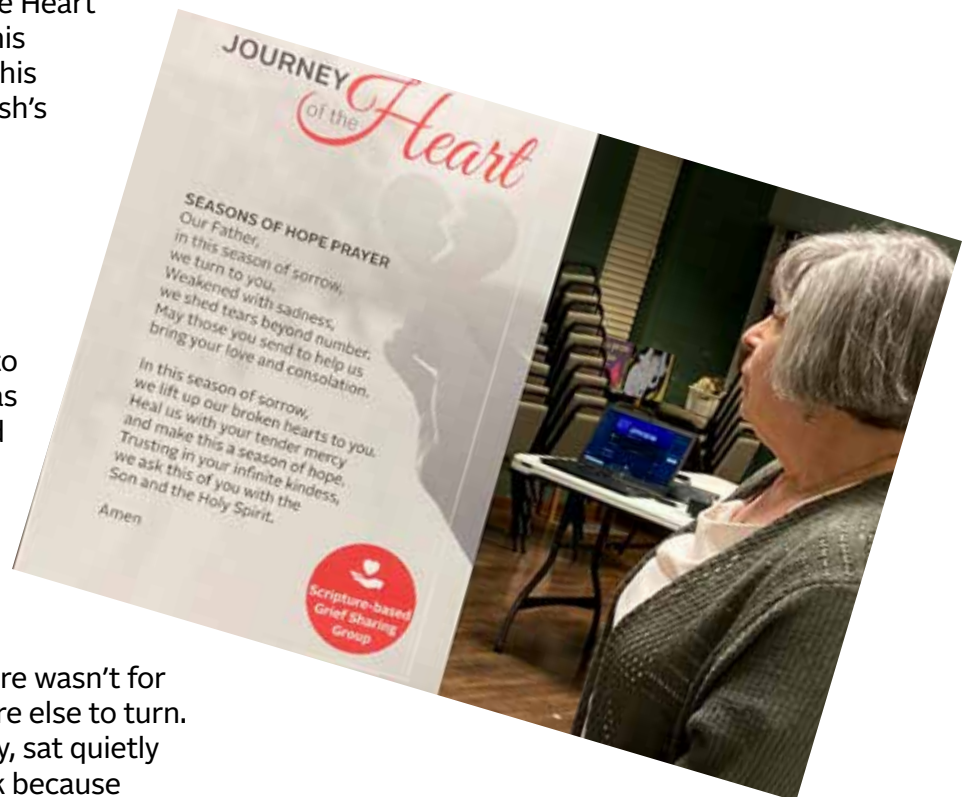
Finding God in Our Grief

Sadly 83 parish families grieved the loss of a loved one this past year. However, we are blessed that our small Bereavement Team of 10 ministers was always ready to walk with them. Bereavement Ministers pray with and for families and assist with preparations for Wake Services, Funeral Masses and more. Our Bereavement Ministry also stepped up to answer the question that often follows a loss, “what’s next?” They researched various programs, and introduced a new grief-share ministry, Journey of the Heart, using the Seasons of Hope series by M. Donna McLeod. Journey of the Heart completed four six-week seasons this past year, and will begin Season 1a this Fall, further demonstrating our parish’s willingness to be the light of Christ for the bereaved.

Finding God in Our Grief in Action...

Everyone was telling “Betty,” that God has a plan, and she just needs to keep moving forward. But, Betty was devastated after losing her husband of many decades to cancer. And she was angry at God. What could God’s plan possibly be in taking “Doug” away from her? When our Journey of the Heart Grief-Share Minister first contacted her, Betty was pretty sure that grief-share wasn’t for her, but she felt like she had nowhere else to turn. She attended the first session warily, sat quietly and didn’t share. But she came back because

nobody at the meeting told her she needed to keep moving forward—the group just let her sit quietly and listen. By the third session, Betty was joining the conversation, and by the final session she was laughing again and telling stories from her life with Doug. Betty returned for the next season and continued sharing, laughing and healing. Somewhere during her second season of Journey of the Heart, Betty found the courage to resume attending Mass without Doug. Journey of the Heart helped Betty find God in her grief.



Thank you for letting me find my own way and in my own time.

— Journey of the Heart Participant

Combined Statement of Revenue & Expense

For the Fiscal Year ended 6/30/2022 vs. 6/30/2021

			<u>Comparison</u> <u>Favorable or</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
SCHOOL	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	
Tuition & Fees	1,525,965	1,336,608	189,357
Fund Raising	131,609	129,255	2,354
Other Income	36,829	106,761	(69,932)
Auxiliary Accounts	(11,094)	(4,279)	(6,815)
TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME	1,683,309	1,568,345	114,964
Salaries & Benefits	1,318,965	1,260,586	(58,379)
Utilities/Maintenance/Property Insurance	182,317	125,434	(56,883)
Other Operating Expense	99,129	100,718	1,589
Archdiocesan OCS Assessment	12,779	11,295	(1,484)
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSE	1,613,190	1,498,033	(115,157)
Net School Surplus/(Deficit) Ordinary income	70,119	70,312	(193)
Extraordinary Income (Expense)	(147)	256,500	(256,647)
Net School Surplus/(Deficit)	69,972	326,812	(256,840)
PARISH			
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	732,064	689,274	42,790
Christmas & Easter Collection	141,800	133,188	8,612
Bequests	10,000	10,473	(473)
Religious Education & Other Income	125,356	142,282	(16,926)
Archdiocesan & Sharing Collections	31,994	31,767	227
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Parish Revenue	21,041	15,766	5,275
Investment Income	7,778	84,467	(76,689)
Auxiliary Accounts	10,113	(38,989)	49,102
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	1,080,146	1,068,228	11,918
Salaries & Benefits	460,466	469,725	9,259
Utilities/Maintenance/Property Insurance	244,676	200,225	(44,451)
Other Operating Expense	113,683	84,388	(29,295)
Archdiocesan & Sharing Payments	32,218	27,780	(4,438)
Archdiocesan Assessment/PRMAA	173,569	153,218	(20,351)
Miscellaneous Expense	63,868	53,397	(10,471)
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSE	1,088,480	988,733	(99,747)
Net Parish Surplus/(Deficit) Ordinary Income	(8,334)	79,495	(87,829)
TTWCI Pledges Received	8,855	35,044	(26,189)
TTWCI Expenses / Capital Improvements	(36,468)	(17,363)	(19,105)
Sale of Property	271,972	0	271,972
Extraordinary Income (Expense)	2,315	89,100	(86,785)
Net Parish Surplus/(Deficit)	238,340	186,276	52,064
Combined School and Parish Surplus/(Deficit)	308,312	513,088	(204,776)

Parish Balance Sheet Report

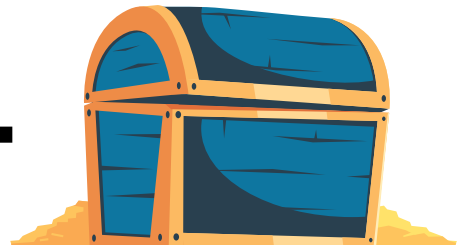
	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>Difference</u>
ASSETS			
Parish Bank Accounts	1,478,376	1,117,565	360,811
Prepaid Expenses	0	44,158	(44,158)
Auxiliary Bank Accounts	66,225	65,244	981
GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>1,544,601</u>	<u>1,226,967</u>	<u>317,634</u>
Accounts Payable	27,851	11,388	16,463
Prepaid Tuition & Fees	36,480	29,300	7,180
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>64,331</u>	<u>40,688</u>	<u>23,643</u>
NET GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>1,480,270</u>	<u>1,186,279</u>	<u>293,991</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Endowment Fund	379,992	378,414	1,578
Building & Millennium Fund	235,351	234,364	987
TTWCI	721,128	709,372	11,756
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>1,336,471</u>	<u>1,322,150</u>	<u>14,321</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,816,741</u>	<u>2,508,429</u>	<u>308,312</u>



TIME



TALENT



TREASURE

Finance Council Narrative

Comments on Financial Results from the Fiscal Year ended 6/30/2022

This annual financial report is based upon the revenue and expenses for this past fiscal year, the second year of operations as Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. The data has been compiled and verified by Archdiocesan staff using the day-to-day records maintained at OLBS as compared with the Archdiocesan compilation from the prior fiscal year.

This comparison showed positive results, with this year's combined school and parish surplus at \$308,312. What made the outcome so positive was the sale of the home which previously served as the old SJE rectory. The result was \$271,972 of extraordinary income. Last year, the school and parish had extraordinary income \$345,600 because the U.S. Government forgave loans under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), with the school having \$256,500 of its payroll costs covered by the U.S. Treasury's loan forgiveness program, while the Parish had \$89,100 in similar extraordinary income.

The school showed net ordinary income of \$70,119, almost identical to the \$70,312 surplus (without loan forgiveness) the year before. This was the result of covering \$115,157 additional expenditures with \$114,964 in higher revenues.

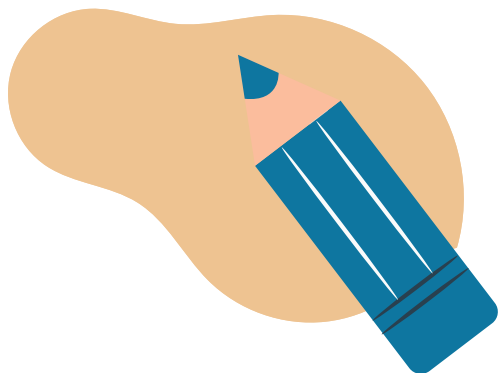
The Parish incurred a deficit of (\$8,334) because total parish income was only \$11,918 more than the year before while expenses were up \$99,747. A drop in investment income accounted for a \$76,689 decline in parish revenue. On the expense side, utilities, maintenance & insurance costs were up \$44,451, other operating expenses were \$29,295 higher and the Archdiocesan and priest's retirement assessments cost \$20,351 more.

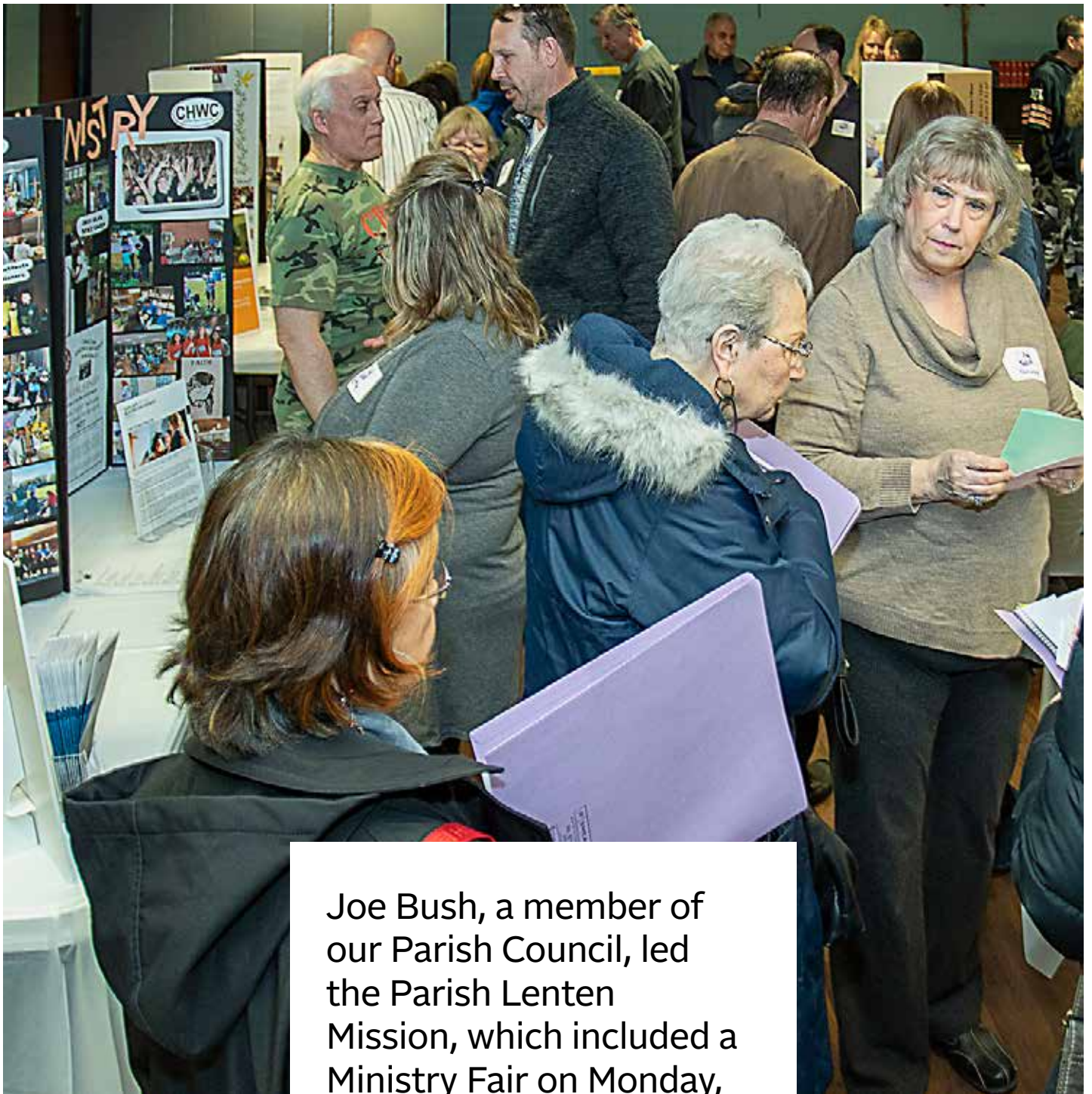
Expectations for the New Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2023

The school enrollment is 6 students fewer than budgeted for the current year, so it is not likely that the financial outcome will be as favorable as in the last 2 years. School contributions to teacher retirement benefits were suspended during the pandemic and have now been restored. Repair costs already incurred this year will result in higher total costs for the current year. Overall, the school is working to improve its prospects for increased enrollment in 2023-24, but tuition and fee rates will need to increase to cover higher payroll and operating costs next year.

The parish continues to need increased revenue from weekly donations. Both SJE and QR continue to see lower Mass attendance than we did before the Pandemic and Renew My Church which has led to lower Sunday collections. Many parishioners have maintained or increased their financial support, even if they have been reluctant to return to Church but the Church is still almost \$78,000 short when compared to regular Church donations 3 years ago.

Despite lower revenues, the parish is committed to becoming fully staffed which it has not been during its first two years. The goal is to be better equipped to serve the needs of its parishioners and the community at large. Freeing up the pastor and associate pastor to concentrate on people's spiritual needs, along with improved funding of parish ministries are two ways to become a more effective parish. The Welcome Home program which was launched at the end of November is a tangible way to encourage neighbors, family members and friends to return to active participation at Sunday Mass. While the spiritual well-being of our fellow parishioners is the main objective in encouraging others to return to Mass, the financial benefits to the parish will enable us to continue to enhance our weekly experience with the Eucharist. We need to make a faith-filled response as the Catholic community of Elk Grove, embodied in the parishioners and staff of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.





Joe Bush, a member of our Parish Council, led the Parish Lenten Mission, which included a Ministry Fair on Monday, Confessions on Tuesday and Fellowship on Wednesday.

Grounds & Garden Refresh



The Light of Christ

At any one time, we have approximately 25 home-bound parishioners in our care, plus another 20 or so that we visit at Alexian Village, ProMedica (formerly Manor Care) and other nearby facilities. At Fr. Louis's suggestion, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament began a new tradition this past year where Fr. Louis and Fr. Dan deliver flowers at Christmas and Easter to parishioners in nursing/skilled care facilities and those who are homebound. They also hear confessions and offer anointing of the sick for those who need it. Not only have Fr. Louis and Fr. Dan reported that this has been personally gratifying for them, but parishioners have been very appreciative of these visits. But, still it is Ministers of Care who bring the Eucharist and provide the healing presence of Christ to parishioners on a regular basis. Our Ministry of Care numbers 19 ministers who take turns visiting nearby senior and nursing/skilled care facilities, and 10 of our Care Ministers also make home visits on a regular basis. We are grateful for the four new ministers who completed Ministry of Care Training this Fall.

The Light of Christ in Action...

"Katie's" dad passed away this year, complications from a stroke he suffered recently. Even before it took his life, that stroke caused mobility issues, left her dad unable to drive and necessitated moving him into a nursing home. A practicing Catholic his entire life, he was no longer able to attend Sunday Mass, and Katie could tell he really missed it. Unsure how

to help, Katie contacted the parish office and was connected with our Ministry of Care Coordinator. Weekly visits with a Minister of Care were arranged, and immediately Katie knew she had made the right call. From the first visit, Dad couldn't stop talking about the great conversation about what was new at church and reminiscing about the good ole days. And then Fr. Dan came to anoint Dad and even brought him a lily at Easter. But what Dad raved about the most was that they brought him Holy Communion. Even as his body continued to fail, Katie could tell that bringing him the Eucharist was bringing her dad strength. Care Ministers brought the light of Christ to Katie's dad.



The Eucharist seemed to bring Dad strength,
even in his last days.

— Daughter of Parishioner to Ministry of Care

Feeding Souls

Our outreach to feed the hungry was stronger than ever in FY22. Guests continued to increase—topping 100 at Catholic Charities Dinners in Des Plaines, and numbering nearly 120 Journeys/PADS residents housed in local hotels and around 50 in our Summer drive throughs. But thanks to generous donations to the Poor Box and a willingness to answer the call to shop, cook, prep and pack meals, our Good Samaritan Ministry was able to provide one meal per month to both Catholic Charities and Journeys/PADS guests throughout the year. For Catholic Charities, we partner with Felicia's Deli to deliver a catered meal of chicken, potatoes and vegetables that is delivered to guests in a drive-through fashion. For Summer and Winter Suppers, parishioners cook varied menus of hearty comfort foods. Though some agencies returned to sit-down meals for Summer Suppers (May through September), Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament elected to continue serving meals to-go style so we could also continue packing meals for those housed in nearby hotels. Winter Suppers (September through April), continued to be sent to guests housed in local hotels.

Feeding Souls in Action...

The first time “Roger” came through our Summer Supper line, he said he felt guilty. He isn’t homeless, and he thanks God for that every day. Roger is a single dad of three young children ranging in age from pre-school to sixth grade.

He works as a supervisor at a local manufacturing business in the Tech Park. During the stay-at-home restrictions of the pandemic, he was laid off. As restrictions eased, he was able to come back to work. Part-time at first, and now he’s back to work full time. But, he says with the rising cost of gas and groceries, he still struggles to make ends meet. When he saw our Facebook post that said “All are welcome, no questions asked” he decided to drive through. When he picked up his first Summer Suppers, he joked with the volunteer who handed him the tray with the meals, “you did ask a question—how many meals do I want?” But, he felt relief and peace knowing that he could serve a well-rounded, nutritious meal to his kids that evening. Providing meals for neighbors in need feeds souls.



Coming here feels like coming to a restaurant...
delicious food and great service. Thank you!

— Summer Supper recipient

Family Is a Precious Gift from God

Strong families are essential to building a strong, vibrant and enduring parish. Family is the main way we pass on our traditions, and that is even truer of our Catholic faith than it is of Grandma's Christmas cookie recipes or Grandpa's coin collection. Family also helps make disciples. Enrolling in Catholic School, attending Religious Education classes, participating in Summer Bible Camp and even coming to Mass all need to work in partnership with what is being modeled and taught at home. Over this last year, we've been introducing a Marriage & Family Ministry at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to provide prayer, fellowship and service opportunities to help couples and families grow in faith, love and relationship to God and each other. In its first year, Marriage & Family Ministers drafted ministry bylaws, honed their skill at coordinating the wedding Mass, worked with Fr. Dan and Fr. Louis to introduce blessing anniversaries at Mass on the final Sunday of the month, took us on a field trip to Feed My Starving Children and supported parish events such as Holy Hours for Life and leading Rosary and Novena prayer for our Feast Day. Look for even more opportunities to honor and support Marriage and Family on deck for this year. Family is a precious gift from God.



We put this marriage plan into action, and it started by calling upon couples and individuals in the parish who care deeply about their Catholic faith.

— Chris S., Marriage & Family Minister



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Worship Sites

Queen of the Rosary
750 W. Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

St. Julian Eymard
601 Biesterfield Road
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