

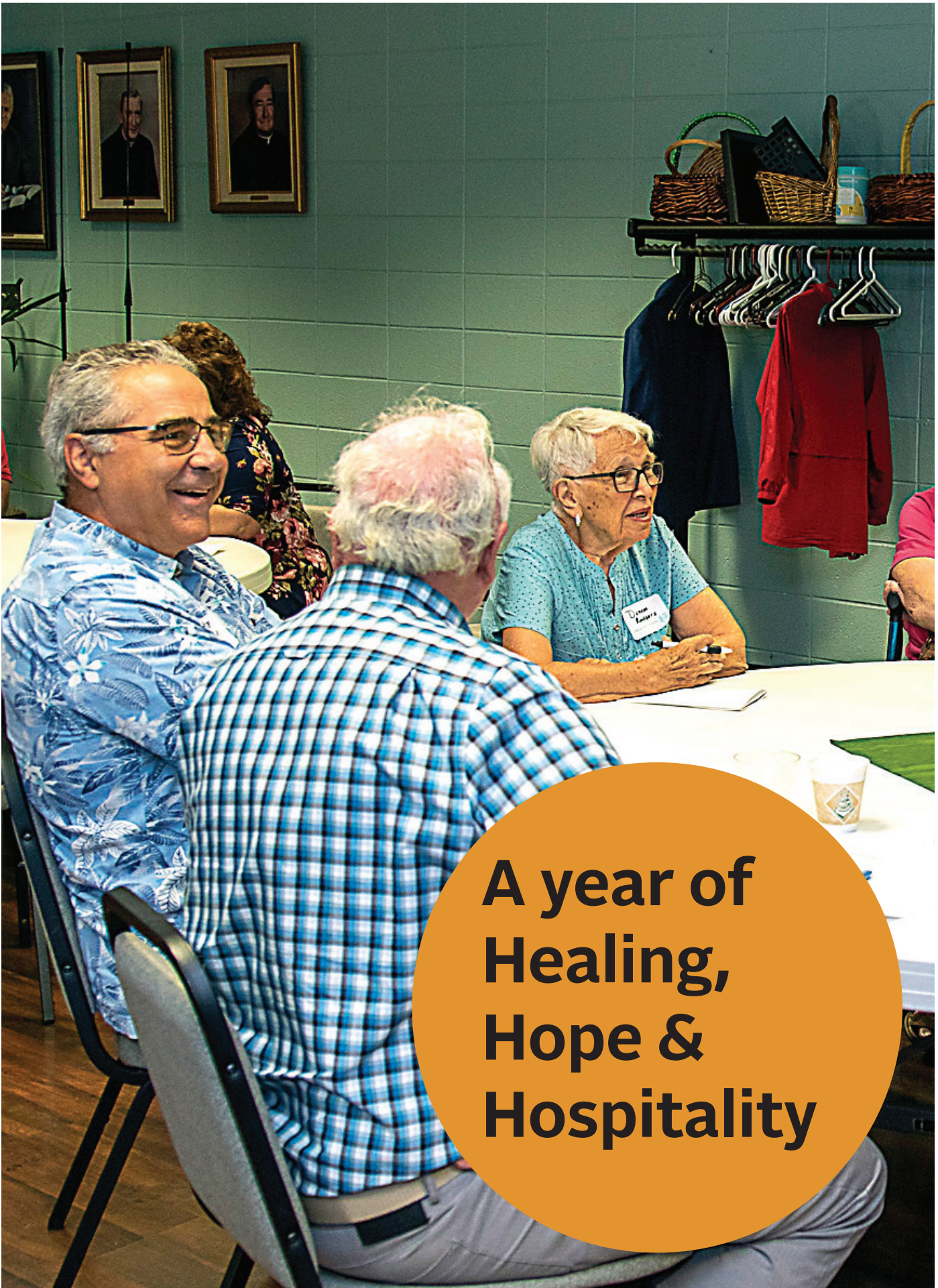


**OUR LADY OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH**



GIVING IMPACT FY23





**A year of
Healing,
Hope &
Hospitality**



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PASTOR'S REMARKS

Dear Friends,

As we enter a new season in our journey together as a parish community, I am delighted to present our annual report, a reflection of the remarkable achievements and milestones that have shaped our path over the past year. With great joy, I share some of the highlights from our year of healing, hope and hospitality to illustrate how we spread God's love beyond the walls of our churches and embraced new opportunities to meet people where they are.

Firstly, I was thrilled to introduce our Operations Director, John Maher last July. John joined us at the beginning of FY23, and has been a blessing to our parish. He brought with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise. His guidance and dedication have already made a significant impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations, enabling us to serve our community better.

Another moment of joy and growth came through our Welcome Home Sunday prayers. At the beginning of Advent, we joined parishes across the Archdiocese in inviting home new parishioners and those who haven't been with us in a while. Through heartfelt invitations and warm outreach, we saw an increase in our average weekly attendance, from 800 a year ago to just over 900 parishioners on Sunday by the end of FY23. While there is still more work to do, this achievement stands as a testament to the welcoming parish we want Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to be known as.

We again saw higher than average attendance for Christmas, welcoming nearly 1600 parishioners and guests to six different Mass times, compared to 1500 the previous year. Though we faced some technical difficulty in our overflow room at St. Julian Eymard Church this year, attendance at Easter continues to be strong. By adding back our 8am Mass time on Easter Sunday, we welcomed more than 2000 parishioners and guests on Easter Sunday, compared to just about 1800 the year before. The higher attendance was again reflected in your generosity, as the combined Christmas and Easter offertory was nearly \$170,000 this past year, compared to \$140,000 the prior year.

Our commitment to serving others through our Parish-wide Almsgiving project was another beautiful manifestation of our parishioners' generosity and compassion. Together, we raised \$10,000 to Welcome the Stranger. These funds have allowed us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our young sponsor family. After fleeing violence, danger and oppression in Venezuela and Peru, Italo and Jugla arrived in Chicago with their three-year old daughter, Chloe, and baby a baby on the way. I am happy to share that the family welcomed baby Zoe in October!

Turning our attention to our parish school, Queen of the Rosary School, we take pride in our commitment to igniting minds and nurturing souls. We are pleased with the success of our major fundraisers. The Grand Raffle, Spring Gala, and Track-a-thon have each flourished under the dedication and hard work of our school community. Together, these events raised a combined total of \$135,419, a testament to the incredible spirit and commitment of our students, parents, staff, volunteers and parish.

Our tireless principal, Ms. Kathleen McGinn, continues to be a wizard with grant writing and finding alternative funding sources. Grants and other donations enabled our school to purchase new desks and chairs (\$4,800), iPads (\$12,720), Chromebooks (\$4,000) as well as upgrade our English and Social Studies curriculum for most grade levels. And while some things will never show up as a line item on our financial reports, we cannot overlook the excitement and pride our 7th and 8th Grade Championship Boys' Basketball teams brought our school and our parish. Another source of pride was when our students, following the parish lead to spend more quiet time in the presence of our Lord, began participating in Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday mornings.

These accomplishments exemplify the strength of our faith and the power of unity within our parish. They are a testament to the boundless love that we share with one another and the impact we can make when we step beyond the ordinary and embrace new opportunities with open hearts. I invite you to read more about the accomplishments and special moments of the past year at our parish and school in the stories that follow.

As we journey into the future, let us continue to cherish these milestones and build upon the foundations of healing, hope and hospitality as we embrace this year's pastoral theme to "Be Transformed." Together, we will explore new horizons, break barriers and bring the light of Christ to those around us.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Dan Folwaczny". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with the letters "F", "D", and "F" being the most prominent.

Fr. Dan Folwaczny

**"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."
(Matthew 25:21)**

HEALING

“Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.” (Proverbs 1:7)

In the Stillness of His Presence: Students Attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration

Our Queen of the Rosary School students actively participate in weekly School Mass, an integral part of the educational experience. Serving as Altar Servers, Lectors, and members of the Choir, these students not only enrich their own faith journey but also contribute to the collective worship of our school and parish.

Each week, and especially on Holy Days of Obligation, these students assume their responsibilities with a deep sense of reverence and commitment.

Additionally, during trimester 3, students began participating in Adoration on Thursday mornings. Our students and staff were able to spend time adoring the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” (St.Teresa of Calcutta)



**“He gives power to the faint,
abundant strength to the weak.”
(Isaiah 40:29)**

**Little Flower Ministry:
Healing Hearts through
Prayer and Care**

Our Little Flower Ministry has embarked on a mission to bring the homebound into the vibrant life of our parish, embracing them with care, love and a sense of belonging.

At the core of this ministry are our dedicated Ministers of Care, whose tireless efforts have made a significant impact on the lives of our homebound members. Armed with bulletins, a monthly newsletter and above all the precious gift of the Eucharist, these compassionate souls visit the homes of our beloved homebound, making them feel connected to our parish even from afar.

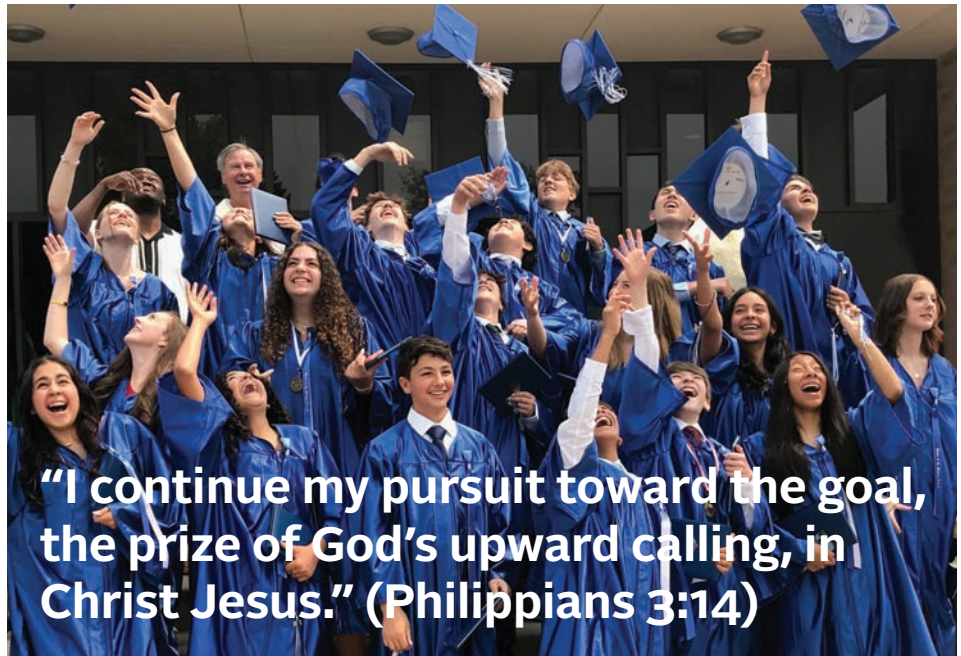
The Ministers of Care carry with them not only the tangible gifts of the

sacrament and information but also an invaluable invitation—to share their gift of prayer. Recognizing the immense spiritual strength of our homebound members, they encourage them to become prayer warriors, particularly lifting up the events and needs of our parish in their personal prayers.

This simple act bridges the physical gap between the homebound and the parish community, uniting them in the transformative power of prayer. Through this shared devotion, our homebound parishioners find solace and meaning in their prayer life, knowing that they are an integral part of our parish’s spiritual journey.



HOPE



“I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14)

Shining Stars: Celebrating Student Excellence and Achievements

During the 8th grade recognition program, each graduate was recognized and celebrated for their unique gifts and accomplishments during their years at Queen of the Rosary School. In addition, three students received special recognition.

Each year the junior high teachers recognize two students, one girl and one boy from the graduating class, who they feel represent the

qualities of an all-around student. These students demonstrate not only strong faith lives and excellence in academics; they attend school regularly, consistently arrive on time and they show respect for teachers, staff and students throughout the year. They participate in extracurricular activities, display positive behavior and a willingness to be a role model for their peers and younger students in the school. Our All Around Students last year were Ryan Maday and Adorina Gorail.

Each year, the Elk Grove Village Lion's Club recognizes one student who shows by words and actions that he or she possesses character to do what is right, shows a positive attitude, participates in school and/or community service and has an understanding of civic responsibility. Last year's award was presented to Josh Maxwell by Ms. Alva Kreutzer of the Lion's Club.

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 volunteered to work in the library. Listed below are some of the undertakings of last year's Library Crew:

- Relabeled the picture books
- Checked off lists of books in a series
- Organized nonfiction books and added labels
- Generated ideas to improve the library
- Suggested new books for the library
- Stamped new books, added barcode labels and added shelf labels
- Read to the younger students
- Made bookmarks and played games with 2nd graders
- Learned how to scan books for Check IN/OUT

Because of their innovative ideas and suggestions, these new activities can be found in the library:

- Would You Rather Read _____ Or _____ survey activities
- Had a contest on how many books are in the library
- Posted Book Reviews
- Suggestion Box
- "I Wonder" activity on the white board (they also created a book with the answers to the "I Wonder" questions about weather.)
- Coloring mural and origami crafts (they also cleaned up the art center)



Combined Statement of Revenue and Expense for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 vs. June 30, 2022

	2022-23	2021-22	Comparison Favorable or (Unfavorable)
SCHOOL			
Tuition & Fees	1,418,841	1,525,965	(107,124)
Fund Raising	140,083	131,609	8,474
Other Income	77,133	36,829	40,304
Auxiliary Accounts	6,117	(11,094)	17,211
TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME	1,642,174	1,683,309	(41,135)
Salaries & Benefits	1,304,738	1,318,965	14,227
Utilities/Maintenance/Property Insurance	169,811	182,317	12,506
Other Operating Expense	80,785	99,129	18,344
Archdiocesan OCS Assessment	11,672	12,779	1,107
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSE	1,567,006	1,613,190	46,184
Net School Surplus/(Deficit) Ordinary income	75,168	70,119	5,049
Extraordinary Income (Expense)	0	(147)	147
Net School Surplus/(Deficit)	75,168	69,972	5,196
CHURCH			
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	736,608	732,064	4,544
Christmas & Easter Collection	169,615	141,800	27,815
Religious Education & Other Income	150,572	135,356	15,216
Archdiocesan & Sharing Collections	52,589	31,994	20,595
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Parish Revenue	28,994	21,041	7,953
Investment Income	9,514	7,778	1,736
Auxiliary Accounts	438	10,113	(9,675)
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	1,148,330	1,080,146	68,184
Salaries & Benefits	560,140	460,466	(99,674)
Utilities/Maintenance/Property Insurance	235,207	244,676	9,469
Other Operating Expense	154,523	113,683	(40,840)
Archdiocesan & Sharing Payments	52,589	32,218	(20,371)
Archdiocesan Assessment/PRMAA	122,436	173,569	51,133
Miscellaneous Expense	52,842	63,868	11,026
TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSE	1,177,737	1,088,480	(89,257)
Net Church Surplus/(Deficit) Ordinary Income	(29,407)	(8,334)	(21,073)
TTWCI Pledges Received	4,480	8,855	(4,375)
Capital Improvements	(54,742)	(36,468)	(18,274)
Sale of Property	0	271,972	(271,972)
Extraordinary Income (Expense)	4,785	2,315	2,470
Net Church Surplus/(Deficit)	(74,884)	238,340	(313,224)
Combined School and Church Surplus/(Deficit)	284	308,312	(308,028)

Parish Balance Sheet

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>Difference</u>
ASSETS			
Parish Bank Accounts	1,493,825	1,478,375	15,450
Auxiliary Bank Accounts	59,671	66,226	(6,555)
GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>1,553,496</u>	<u>1,544,601</u>	<u>8,895</u>
Accounts Payable	26,376	27,851	(1,475)
Prepaid Tuition & Fees	50,006	36,480	13,526
Deferred Income	5,825	0	5,825
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>82,207</u>	<u>64,331</u>	<u>17,876</u>
NET GENERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>1,471,289</u>	<u>1,480,270</u>	<u>(8,981)</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Endowment Fund	383,314	379,992	3,322
Building & Millennium Fund	236,814	235,351	1,463
TTWCI	725,608	721,128	4,480
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>1,345,736</u>	<u>1,336,471</u>	<u>9,265</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,817,025</u>	<u>2,816,741</u>	<u>284</u>

Annual Church Collections compared to the Last Pre- Pandemic Year

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>Pre-Pandemic 2018-2019</u>
Sundays & Holy Days	736,608	732,064	689,274	809,855	948,317
Christmas & Easter	169,615	141,800	133,188	129,984	137,774
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Total Church collections	<u>906,223</u>	<u>873,864</u>	<u>822,462</u>	<u>939,839</u>	<u>1,086,091</u>

Narrative from Finance Council on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

This annual financial report is based upon the revenue and expenses for this past fiscal year, from July, 2022 through June, 2023, the third year of operations as Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. The data has been compiled and submitted to the Archdiocese from the daily records maintained at OLBS, offered here with a comparison to the previous twelve month period, which was accounted for in the same manner.

The 2022-23 statement of revenue and expenses shows a breakeven bottom line, having a \$284 surplus. For the previous year, the parish showed a \$308,312 surplus due largely to \$271,972 of extraordinary income from the sale of the home which had previously served as the SJE rectory.

The school showed a surplus of \$75,168 this past year, a modest improvement of \$5,196 compared to 2021-22, despite revenues being

down by \$41,135. Tuition and fees declined by \$107,124 due to lower enrollment. This was offset in part by fund-raising, other and auxiliary income. The school's costs were reduced during this past year, with less money spent in every major category, saving a total of \$46,184 when compared to the previous year.

The church saw an increase in total church income of \$68,184, with Christmas and Easter collections up \$27,815, although with Christmas falling on a Sunday, some of the increase came at the expense of one less Sunday collection. Archdiocesan and Sharing collections were up by \$20,595, but all of these monies are paid out for the specific intentions for which the special collections were taken up. The parish did benefit by \$28,994 from collections in excess of the Annual Appeal assessment, which in turn

was used for sound system and landscaping upgrades (reflected under capital improvements as part of the \$54,742 total spent). Church expenses were \$89,257 higher than the year before, primarily to cover almost \$100,000 in additional salaries and benefits. This expenditure was anticipated and included in the annual budget. The expectation is that additions to staff will lead to better serving the needs of parishioners and the community at large. It is hoped by allowing our priests to focus more on the spiritual needs of our parishioners and by adding more professionals to enhance the quality of our worship experiences, we will be prudent stewards of the monies entrusted to our care and use.

Financial Challenges for Fiscal Year 2024

Increasing school enrollment is, and continues to be, one of the school's most important goals. Since tuition and fees account for 85% to 90% of school revenue, there is no financial substitute for more students attending QR School. The attempt to increase scholarship donations and earning and distributing more scholarship endowment income continues to be an effort to close the gap. Utilizing grants and contributions for technology and classroom improvements continues to be essential to funding upgrades without excessively raising tuition and fees.

The parish continues to need increased revenue from weekly donations. Even though weekly attendance averages have increased 12.5% from 800 to 900 during the past year, weekly contributions have only increased by 3%. The parish continues to benefit from supporters who have been unable to attend Mass on the weekend, but we simply need larger donations from regular attendees. Signing up for electronic donations is one way to guarantee 100% participation, even when supporters are away

on business or vacation. Encouraging new or inactive Churchgoers to come on Saturday or Sunday is another vital way to fulfill our mission as sowers of God's seed while providing opportunities for increased support. A five year comparison of Church collections shows how much less money came in over the past 4 years:

Annual Parish Offertory Compared to the Last Pre-Pandemic Year

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>Pre-Pandemic 2018-2019</u>
Sundays & Holy Days	736,608	732,064	689,274	809,855	948,317
Christmas & Easter	169,615	141,800	133,188	129,984	137,774
Total Church collections	906,223	873,864	822,462	939,839	1,086,091
Annual Shortfall of Church Collections compared to 2018-19 Pre-Pandemic Year In Dollars	(179,868)	(212,227)	(263,629)	(146,252)	
As a % of 2018-19	-17%	-20%	-24%	-13%	

**“I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.”
(2 Timothy 4:7)**

Victory in Faith: A Tale of Basketball and Blessings

As we recount the highlights of the past year, we cannot overlook the extraordinary achievement of our 7th and 8th-grade boys' basketball teams. Their journey on the court is not only a testament to their talent and dedication, but also a beautiful example of the impact faith and blessings have on our endeavors.

The journey to the championships was filled with hard work, training and perseverance. Our young athletes displayed a remarkable level of commitment, fueled by their passion for the game. Yet, there was something extraordinary that set this season apart—their unyielding faith and reliance on the teachings of 2 Timothy 4:7: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Before each championship game, our boys attended Mass together as a team. This act of unity and devotion brought them closer to one another and to God, instilling in them the values of sportsmanship, camaraderie and humility. As they knelt in prayer, they sought strength and guidance, not only for themselves but also for their opponents. This powerful act of faith paved the way for a season marked by both victories and lessons in sportsmanship.

One figure who played an instrumental role in their journey was our Associate Pastor, Fr. Louis Mboe. His presence and blessings left an indelible mark on the hearts of our young athletes. Fr. Louis' encouragement, prayers and support bolstered their confidence and reminded them that they were not just playing for themselves but for a higher purpose—to glorify God through their actions on the court.



May our sports teams continue to be shining examples of faith, both on and off the court, and may their achievements inspire future generations to embrace their faith as they strive for excellence in all aspects of life. The victories on the basketball court will undoubtedly remain in our memories, but what will truly endure is the legacy of faith and unity that our young athletes exemplified. Their journey was about more than just basketball—it was about nurturing their souls, developing strong character and embracing the teachings of healing, hope and hospitality.



Message from School Advisory Board on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Queen of the Rosary School enjoys a rich history of preparing our students for the rest of their lives, both spiritually and academically.

Over the past year, we have focused on our parish commitment to healing, hope and hospitality as a community—which manifested in the school as “stronger together.” Particularly following some challenging times where we were forced to isolate, we have a new appreciation for our Catholic community and our human need to be part of something larger than ourselves. Even while the school has financial needs of its own, we still teach our children to look outside of ourselves and our own needs—to use our gifts in service of others. We came together as a school community through various initiatives:

- One of my favorite programs that the school was able to bring back is our buddy program. The buddy program matches older students with younger students. Some of these pairings foster long-term mentoring relationships that impact the hearts of both mentor and mentee.
- Our school regularly gathers food products for the Elk Grove Village Food Pantry.
- In our Change for Change days, the school will raise funds for various charitable causes that are near and dear to the hearts of our families: including supporting the Parish Welcome the

Stranger initiative, research and awareness related to Cystic Fibrosis and Diabetes.

- Many of the older students rake leaves for our elderly neighbors in need.
- On All Saints Day and in preparation for confirmation, the 8th Grade students dress up as their chosen Saint and teach the other grades about that particular saint.

Through these efforts (and many others), our students learn what it means to love our neighbors and be a part of a community in a way that is simply not present in our public school counterparts. In the coming year, we are called as a parish to “Be Transformed”. This has a number of facets as it relates to our School:

- As a School Community, we are focused on stabilizing and even growing our student enrollment. Enrollment is the single biggest factor driving the school financial results and is critical for a fiscally healthy and functioning school as well as fulfilling our mission of Catholic formation for our youth.
- Our School Advisory Board has launched a number of committees to aid in our school’s transformation to realize our goals—including Institutional Advancement, Mission Effectiveness, Strategic Planning as well as fiscal responsibility. All of these committees are open

to participation by our school and parish communities.

- In January, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We will kick off the week with an alumni mass and fellowship celebration. Even as we look to the school’s transformation, we remember our rich traditions and communities that have come before us—building on the best of what has come before.

We value the many contributions that our parish community makes to the school. We are good stewards of your financial gifts—and leverage those toward the success of our students as future men and women of God. We also appreciate the many businesses in our community that support our school through financial sponsorships, through providing in kind donations, or simply permitting us to display materials relating to our school. Finally, but certainly not least, we appreciate your prayers.

While our country continues to trend toward a more secular and commercially based value system, our school stands as a beacon of faithfulness. We have a different sort of vision for our future, a call to emulate Jesus in a world of peace and loving kindness.

We thank you for your continued support as we work toward our own transformation in the year ahead!

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)

Embracing the Stranger: A Tale of Compassion and Community

Our parish embarked on a meaningful Almsgiving project to “Welcome the Stranger,” which began with a simple yet profound goal: to raise funds and extend a helping hand to an asylum-seeking family in need. Little did we know the depth of love and solidarity that would blossom from this endeavor. Through our parish’s unwavering support and generous donations, we successfully raised \$10,000.

But the story doesn’t end there. As the news of our Almsgiving project spread throughout the parish, a core group of dedicated parishioners stepped up to take this mission to another level. They embraced our sponsor family, Italo, Jugla, and their three-year-old daughter, Chloe. The family is expecting another addition to their family soon. Our compassionate souls could not bear to see this family struggling, and they resolved to accompany them every step of the way.

Working with resettlement specialists from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the team rallied together to assist Italo and Jugla in finding suitable housing, a place they can call their own, and truly make a home. In concert with representatives from the Archdiocese, the team has worked tirelessly to connect the family to essential services, ensuring they have access to medical care, education and all the resources they need to thrive. The sense of responsibility and genuine care displayed by our Family Liaison Team led by Don Kauffold and including Paola and her daughter Samantha Schlichtman, Pablo Moreno and Victoria Villacress, has been inspiring and a testament to the boundless love that can be found within our parish family.

But the outpouring of kindness did not stop there. The spirit of generosity spread like wildfire among our parishioners, and even more of you stepped forward to support the sponsor family with tangible donations. Furniture, household goods, clothing and more have been donated, making their new home a warm and welcoming sanctuary for Italo, Jugla, Chloe and their soon-to-be-born baby.

The project “Welcome the Stranger” took on a life of its own—a beautiful symphony of healing, hope and hospitality. It exemplified the teachings of our faith, demonstrating the love and care that we are called to show to one another, especially those who find themselves in vulnerable situations.





HOSPITALITY

**“I will give you your rains in due season, so that the land will yield its crops, and the trees their fruit.”
(Leviticus 26:4)**

Blessings in the Rain: A Testament of Faith and Community

While many of us think of rain as a nuisance or even find it dreary or gloomy, scripture often portrays rain as a blessing from God. In this past year, our parish experienced this blessing firsthand as rain interrupted a few of our important events, but also brought forth moments of healing, hope and hospitality for our parish family.

It began on Ash Wednesday, a day of repentance and reflection as we mark the beginning of Lent. Though it had been dry for days, the skies opened up and most of February 22nd was marked by cold, driving rain. Despite the weather, our Pastor, Fr. Dan Folwaczny, and a handful

of devoted volunteers (Kathy Casterton, Carol Vrtis, Susan Tremko and Don Kauffold) stood outside for hours, distributing ashes and sharing the Word of God during our drive-up Ash service in front of Tasty Catering. This act of dedication and devotion to our faith reminded us of the unconditional love and commitment that our clergy and volunteers have for our community.

But the blessings didn't end there. As a drought persisted through most of the Spring, we faced yet another day of rain during our School's Track-a-Thon. However, instead of letting rain dampen our spirits, students, staff and teachers embraced the challenge and courageously headed out to the track. Their determination and faith in

our mission allowed us to earn nearly \$38,000 from the event, making it one of our top three fundraisers of the year for the school. As the skies cleared, rain transformed from an obstacle into a source of unity and triumph.

And once more, rain graced us on Corpus Christi Sunday, a day when we celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ—body, blood, soul and divinity—in the Blessed Sacrament. Despite the inclement weather, parishioners showcased our deep devotion and dedication by braving the wind and drizzle to follow Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament from Queen of the Rosary Church to St. Julian Eymard Church. Healing, hope and hospitality were again evident as we stayed together to enjoy our first Our Lady of the Blessed

Sacrament Parish Picnic, strengthening the bonds that bind us as a close-knit community.

The rainfall throughout these significant events serves as a powerful reminder of God’s faithfulness to His promises and the blessings that come our way when we steadfastly trust in Him. It highlights the beauty of our parish community, where the rain represents the abundant blessings of God showered upon us when we come together in faith and love.



“So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” (Matthew 19:6)

**Love’s Timeless Journey:
A Celebration of
Commitment on World
Marriage Day**

As we reflect on the significant moments of healing, hope and hospitality that graced the past year, one event stands out as a testament to the enduring power of love and commitment. For the first time in our parish’s history, our Marriage & Family Ministry coordinated a heartwarming celebration on World Marriage Day, an occasion that honored the lasting bonds of 38 couples, most of whom have been married for 50 years or more. This extraordinary event not only brought together a remarkable group, but also highlighted the unwavering support and dedication of our parish family.

The day began with an air of excitement and anticipation as parishioners gathered to witness and participate in this momentous occasion. Associate pastor, Fr. Louis Mboe, spiritual advisor to our Marriage & Family Ministry, celebrated this special Mass. His warm smile and heartfelt words resonated with all in attendance, but particularly each couple, as he paid tribute to the lifelong commitment they have embraced.

As Mass proceeded, the atmosphere was filled with a unique blend of joy and nostalgia. Each couple had the opportunity to renew their wedding vows, reaffirming the promises they made to one another decades ago. Their love, which has stood the test of time, radiated through the church, reminding us all of the beauty and sacredness of the sacrament of marriage.



After Mass and the vow renewal ceremony, the celebrations continued with a spirit of togetherness and fellowship. A jubilant atmosphere enveloped the church grounds as couples, along with their family and friends, joined in celebration. Laughter filled the air as stories from the past and hopes for the future were shared among generations, bridging the gap between the past and the present.

A delightful addition to the festivities was the photo booth set up to capture joyous moments from this unforgettable day. Couples posed for commemorative photos, surrounded by their loved ones, encapsulating the healing, hope and hospitality that enveloped the gathering. These photographs will forever stand as cherished reminders of a day that celebrated love's timeless journey.



ABOUT US

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)

Mission

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.

Vision

To be God’s witnesses, telling others of the love that we have received in Jesus Christ and also loving others as He has loved us.

Values

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.



Sacraments



85
Baptism



76
First Reconciliation



76
First Eucharist



67
Confirmation

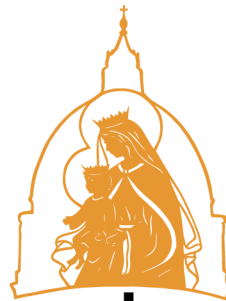


8
Matrimony

Youth Milestones



21
Graduates



73 | 17
Youth | Teens





10 | 2
Teens | Adults

Ministry Participation

Members

30 or more

 231 Students
 197 Students



20-30



11 - 20

 School Advisory Board/
Parents Club



10 or fewer



Average Age

20 and younger

21 to 49

50 to 69

70 and older



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

About Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish of Elk Grove Village, including Queen of the Rosary and St. Julian Eymard Churches and Queen of the Rosary School, is a vibrant and welcoming community of believers dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of its parishioners and the wider community. With a rich history and strong commitment to community outreach, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is an essential part of the fabric of the village.

About Queen of the Rosary School

Queen of the Rosary School at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish offers a faith-based, academically superior education that recognizes parents as the primary educators of their children. Surrounded by a warm and nurturing environment, children feel respected and cared for while being supported and challenged to grow in knowledge, service and relationship to Jesus Christ.

Let's Connect

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Fr. Louis Mboe, Assoc Pastor
Jerrold Szostak, Deacon
Kathleen McGinn, Principal

To discover more about how God is working through us at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish and Queen of the Rosary School, find us on the Web:

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