

OUR LADY OF JOY

Stewardship Annual Report JULY 1, 2011- JUNE 30, 2012



Dearest Parish Family,

Happy 40th Anniversary to the parishioners of Our Lady of Joy. This Holy Place is a testament to the living faith of so many who have gone before us and even those who have been in our midst since the inception of our parish. Thank you to those who have entrusted much to those who have come after you and thank you to all who entrust their lives and families to the goodness and care of our most loving God. I am continually reminded of how extremely grateful we should remain for the communal support of our parish; for the countless volunteer hours, and especially the prayers we pray for one another.

I hope you will take time to look over this financial report, which defines the health and direction of our beloved parish. As your pastor, I would like to encourage your trust in the work and stewardship of your parish priests and staff of Our Lady of Joy. Your own personal commitment and share in the good works of our parish commits us to our brothers and sisters who worship alongside us and forms us into one by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

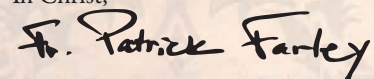
The parishioners of Our Lady of Joy, our priests and staff continue to ensure that justice is done for the poor, the vulnerable and the needy. Additionally, you will find in this report, the important labor of love that it is to take care of God's house and this beautiful property so that it can be entrusted to generations to come!

As the pastor of Our Lady of Joy, I am proud to share this information with all of our parishioners and those who visit us during the year. I am grateful for the work of Mrs. Laura Hicks, our Director of Stewardship; Mr. Craig Moeller, our Manager of Finance; Mrs. Lynda Rando, our Director of Operations and all the wonderful staff that assists me to act as chief steward of the parish's financial resources and property.

It is true to assert that our communal, personal and financial gifts do in fact change and benefit other's lives. Thank you for your generosity to our parish and to those in need. The *virtue* of solidarity also practices the sharing of the spiritual goods of faith, which is even more important than sharing material goods. Difficult economic times continue for many of us. We can always turn to our Church and the many ways we serve one another through the Love, "which has loved us first."

Thank you for taking the time to look through this financial report. I am truly grateful to God to work with our generous staff, our many volunteers and all the faithful who support the good work done at Our Lady of Joy. May God continually lavish his grace and mercy upon us and bring us all to everlasting life! And may God bring us 40 more generations of grateful, joyful stewards of His providence and generosity.

In Christ,



Fr. Patrick Farley
Pastor
Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Joy is committed to the community entrusted to her under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop. Our Lady of Joy exists for the purpose of worshiping God, celebrating the sacraments, and evangelizing within the Carefree, North Scottsdale community.



FAITH FORMATION

By Leighton Drake

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “God ‘desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth’: that is, of Jesus Christ. Christ must be proclaimed to all nations and individuals, so that this revelation may reach to the ends of the earth... (CCC 74)”

At *Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church* there are many opportunities for people to grow in their faith and in their knowledge of Jesus Christ. From classes for parents seeking baptism for their children to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those adults who seek membership in the Church, from religious education for children to adult Bible studies and faith formation programs, all that is provided through faith formation is done with the goal of deepening our faith and our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, who leads us to the Father in the Holy Spirit so that we may share in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

We celebrated forty-three baptisms of infants and small children as parents took seriously their responsibility to initiate their children into the life of the Church.

At the Easter Vigil we celebrated three Baptisms, Confirmations, and First Communions, welcoming our new brothers and sisters in Christ into the arms of the Catholic Church. On Divine Mercy Sunday we welcomed three people into full communion with the Catholic Church through their Profession of Faith and reception of Confirmation and First Communion. The new members of the Church had journeyed with our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) team and sponsors during months of preparation for the sacraments of initiation.

After several weeks of preparation, three Catholic adults received Confirmation at

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church with others from our deanery.

Sixty children celebrated the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and thirty-nine children received Confirmation and First Communion at a beautiful liturgy presided over by Father David Sanfilippo, the Vicar for Priests.

In all, one hundred and twenty-five children and youth received religious education through the parish, thanks to the service of our catechists and aides. Through their faith formation the children experienced more than an intellectual education in what we profess; they experienced encounter with the One whom we profess.

Part of the preparation for sacraments for children was adult faith formation for their parents and guardians through *Catholicism*, a series by Father Robert Barron. The input following the ten session program was overwhelmingly positive, with one parent sharing how the series had helped her to see what a beautiful gift our Catholic faith truly is and how she was challenged to live it more fully. We also presented *Catholicism* for the entire parish on certain Tuesdays. An average of forty-five people attended.

Twenty-two people attended our Bible study, hosted on alternate Friday mornings. Not only did they grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures, they formed a community of believers. The Bible study became a place of prayer, conversion, and fellowship.

The comprehensive faith formation that we are blessed to enjoy at our parish would not be possible without the dedication of numerous individuals who love Jesus Christ and His Church, and have taken seriously the call to the new evangelization.

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PRESCHOOL & KINDEGARTEN

By Christine Tax



MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide quality Catholic education in a faith-filled environment, serving the community as one family in the body of Christ. We are fostering active Christians, life long learners, effective communicators, responsible citizens, and self-aware individuals.



Our 2011-2012 school year welcomed 16 children in Preschool and 18 for Kindergarten. Several exciting events were scheduled giving our families many opportunities to form lasting relationships within our faith-based community. It started before school even began with our Parent Orientation. Then everyone got even better acquainted at our Welcome Back Pizza Party and Trunk or Treat which drew over 150 families on a Friday evening. We celebrated our grandparents with a special breakfast, courtyard prayer and a morning of activities in the classrooms on Grandparents' Day and were so happy to have 84 grandparents participate. Our students ran or jogged in their first ever Jog-a-Thon. This was a great event that helped our students raise money and have fun while keeping their body healthy. We had 100% participation in the jog-a-thon.

Our Catholic Preschool and Kindergarten is located west of the church in two separate buildings between the Parish Hall and the Teen Center. We offer classes for ages 2½ to 5. The school is open from mid-August until Memorial Day and offers an extended day program. A summer thematic program and Vacation Bible School is also available during the months of June and July. Kindergarten is an all day program.

We invited our families to come together and give thanks at our annual Thanksgiving Feast and served over 250 people. Our much anticipated Christmas Program gave us the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ and praise Him in song at our annual Breakfast with St. Nick. This event brought 300 people together. Also in December, the Kindergarten went on their yearly field trip to Child's Play in Tempe for their first theater experience! We were visited by the Rural Metro Fire Department and all students were



Catholic Schools Make a Difference!



building, creating a great learning environment for all our children.

The year ended with 17 of our 5th year of Kindergarteners graduating and ready for first grade. 15 of those students went on to first grade at Annunciation Catholic School. During the year, 39 more children joined our preschool, more than doubling the numbers. Parents did over 1000 hours of volunteering

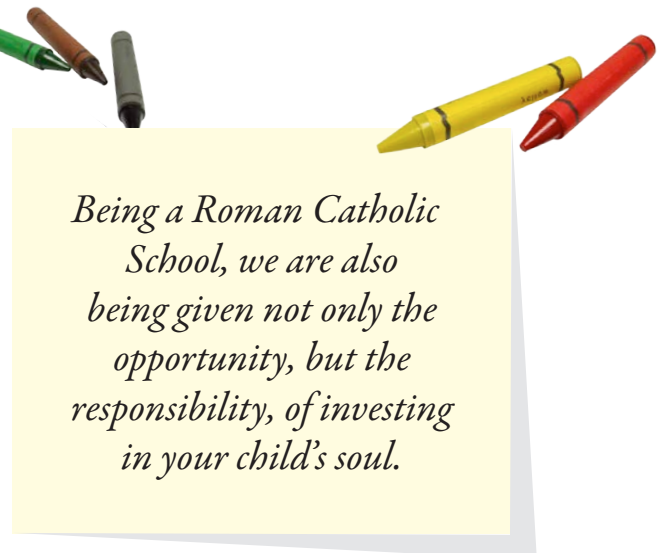
We truly had an amazing year and were blessed in so many ways. We are grateful to all who have helped the school blossom and grow throughout this past year. We look forward to the many years ahead of us!

able to try spraying the fire hose after learning about fire safety.

In January we started our Catechesis of the Good Shepard Program and our children began visiting the Atrium. This is such a special place for our children to go and learn about Jesus. In keeping with our Wellness Policy, the children learned about good food choices and a dental hygienist came and showed the students about teeth care. All students were able to learn about the solar system when the virtual game truck turned Planetarium came to the school in January.

During Lent, we had a food drive for the Foothills Food Bank and we were able to provide over 800 lbs of food to those in need right here in our community. Parents got to spend special time with their child during Breakfast with Dad and Muffins with Mom days. In addition to breakfast and special activities in the classrooms on those days, we also had the Crowning of Mary coincide with Muffins with Mom. Much fun and laughter was had by all during our, crazy hat days, silly dress days, and water days. In addition, the children (along with their teachers and parents) snuggled up and read many books during our pajama days!

In the spring, we teamed up with The Lady's Guild for our Fashion Show and auction. This event helped bridge our relationship and with 100% participation from school parents, the Fashion Show raised \$14,000! By the end of the year we had added a fresh new coat of paint for every classroom in and office in the preschool



PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Laura Hicks

The Parish Outreach Committee identifies, evaluates, and provides assistance to underfunded Catholic organizations within the Diocese of Phoenix. Funding for Committee awards comes from parish plate contributions. As a Stewardship Parish, for the past 10 years we designated 10% of expected plate income (excluding the Christmas and Easter collections) for Outreach Grants.

The committee's overriding obligation is to focus on the underfunded needs of Catholic institutions and organizations serving the Diocese of Phoenix. Guidelines were developed to facilitate internal deliberations in support of this committee policy. Exceptions to these guidelines require the Pastor's review and authorization. Additionally, the Pastor may direct funding as unforeseen needs emerge.



St. Mary's Mediatrix Mission in Yarnell Remodeled Rectory inside.

The Committee will typically consider requests for assistance for project materials, labor, or specific items supporting a needed improvement or repair. Requests for supporting an organization's general fund are not considered.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR WERE

* The Missionaries of Charity are Mother Theresa's order. They needed many things fixed and built at their convent in south Phoenix. The rule of their order allows the sisters to accept donations, but they cannot ask for anything. After several visits by the committee, the sisters were awarded \$3200 to make shower repairs in their homeless shelter; \$651 for new shed doors and paint and \$20,000 for a freestanding garage

built on their property. The garage provides safety for the sisters and security for their vehicle.

* Immaculate Heart Radio was awarded \$25,000 to build a studio at the Diocese of Phoenix. The new radio studio furthers the reach of the Phoenix Diocese. Bishop Olmsted said, "Catholic radio allows us to go places and reach persons we cannot reach in any other way". The radio studio facilitates local Catholic programming and airs the weekly "Bishop's Hour".

* St. Mary Mediatrix Catholic Mission in Yarnell lacked a rectory for their newly assigned priest. Our outreach awarded \$15,500 to remodel a trailer so that it was livable for their newly assigned priest.

* Annunciation Catholic School in Cave Creek was awarded \$7000 for fencing their PE and pay area so it would be safe for the children.

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St. Mary's Mediatrix Mission in Yarnell Remodeled Rectory outside.

Outreach Financial Assistance given in 2011/2012

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Immaculate Heart Radio, Phx.	Studio at Diocese	\$25,000
The Missionaries of Charity, Phx.	Garage Construction	\$20,000
St. Mary Mediatrix Mission, Yarnell	Remodel Rectory Trailer	\$15,500
St. Louis the King Catholic Church, Phx.	Computers/server	\$10,115
Annunciation Catholic School, Cave Creek	Fencing & PE Area	\$7,000
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Glendale	Computer/phone	\$5,000
Queen of Peace Catholic School, Mesa	Retreats	\$5,000
St. Gregory Catholic Church, Phx.	Pastor Approval	\$5,000
St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic School, Phx	Pastor Approval	\$5,000
St. Mary's Catholic High School, Phx.	Campus Ministry	\$5,000
St. John the Baptist Mission, Laveen	400 AMP electrical service	\$4,000
St. Gregory Catholic School, Phx.	Pony table for Computer Rm.	\$3,800
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glendale	Office Computers	\$3,500
The Missionaries of Charity, Phx.	Shelter Shower repair	\$3,200
1st Way Pregnancy Center, Phx.	Pastor Approval	\$3,000
St. Paul's Catholic Church, Phx.	Clergy Support	\$2,500
Sisters of Incarnate Word, Phx.	Washer and Dryer	\$1,407
The Missionaries of Charity, Phx.	Shed Doors/paint	\$651
Life Choices Women's Clinic, Phx.	Pastor Approval	\$500
S.O.S. Support Our Seminarians	Outing	\$300

Total Grants \$125,473



Radio Studio at Diocese of Phoenix BEFORE



Radio Studio at Diocese of Phoenix AFTER

OUR LADY'S GUILD

By Nina Filippi

Our Lady's Guild is a hospitality ministry that engages women of Our Lady of Joy Parish through spirituality, friendship and fundraising. Our mission reflects the importance of Christian generosity in both word and deed. We are often called to support various events in our parish, but we also strive to promote and participate in outreach programs that benefit woman, children and families. Our Lady's Guild takes the opportunity to encourage the use of our time, talent and resources and to be of service to our parish and our community in both our spiritual and fundraising efforts. We endeavor to develop spirituality, service, socializing, self-growth and stewardship among our members and fellow parishioners.

The 2011-2012 year has been a joyous and productive time for Our Lady's Guild. As a Ministry we have worked to increase awareness of who we are and what we do. This campaign has increased our membership to 170 and we have reached a new level of involvement from



Benedictine Monastery

both members and ministries within Our Lady of Joy Parish.

Our Lady's Guild began the fall season collaborating with the parish to help support the children of San Carlos Apache Mission School with backpacks filled with greatly needed school supplies, we delivered 180 backpacks in August. In November we held what has become an annual fall fund raising event; our fifth "Holiday Bazaar". Over 400 people attended the bazaar over 2 days. We invited vendors, sold homemade baked goods, freshly prepared food, gently used books and raffled an amazing handmade quilt. This event is open not only to our Parish, but also to our community and beyond.

Every year, following the Thanksgiving weekend, we facilitate both parish projects for San Carlos Apache Mission School children and 1st Way Pregnancy Center. Our Lady's Guild helped with food certificates, stocking stuffers and extra funds for diapers as our donation to the project along with soliciting,

collecting, organizing, and delivering all donations. In December we had our Annual Christmas Luncheon for our members and guests. It was an



Our Lady of Joy Catholic School

exceptional way to begin the Christmas Season of enjoying time with friends. The first weekend in February we celebrated with our annual Spring Fundraiser. We were joined by Our Lady of Joy Catholic School students, teachers and parents in an impressive and entertaining Fashion Show & Luncheon. Lending a hand to our event were the Knights of Columbus and teens of the parish. This kindness enabled us to share our \$14,000 proceeds with OJL Catholic School and the Foothills Food Bank.

When the Easter season was upon us we again facilitated the Easter Parish project for San Carlos and 1st Way. These two charities have a special place in the hearts of Guild



Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship

our resources.

The year concluded with the election of a new Executive Board and an Appreciation Brunch for all our remarkable members. At that time we acknowledged our outgoing and incoming Executive Boards, 25 year members, Woman of the Year and our Past Presidents. Throughout the year we benefit from General Meetings, Welcome Coffee's, thought



1st Way Pregnancy Center



St. Charles Apache Mission School

provoking programs, a variety of interest groups and enlightening day trips to enhance and enrich the spiritual lives of our members.

DONATIONS FROM FUND RAISING

Families of St. Charles School	\$25 Food Gift Certificates for Christmas	\$1,000
Children of St. Charles School	Christmas Stocking Stuffers	\$250
Annunciation Catholic School	Computer software for student computers	\$500
St. Vincent de Paul	Emergency cash fund	\$500
1st Way Pregnancy Center	Diaper Fund & Big Ticket items	\$750
OLOJ Catholic School	Atrium furniture & materials	\$1,000
Gecko Teatro Youth Theater	Underwriting for youth production	\$200
Sisters of St. Benedict	Garden Tools / Benedictine Monastery	\$600
Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship	Student Scholarship Program	\$2,000
Our Lady of Joy Parish	Kitchen faucet purchase	\$256
OLOJ Funeral Ministry	10 Washable table cloths	\$351
Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Fund	General Fund use as needed	\$500
Diocese of Phoenix Prison Ministry	Purchase of 12 cases (144) bibles	\$500
Sunshine Angels	Shoes for children's basketball camp	\$1,000
OLOJ Ministry of Compassion	Supply purchases and special event funds	\$500
Maggie's Place	Book shelves for library	\$226
Spring Fundraiser Proceeds Distribution	OLOJ Catholic School	\$7,075
Spring Fundraiser Proceeds Distribution	Foothills Food Bank	\$7,075
Maggie's Place	Household item purchases and renovation	\$1,940

Total for the Year: \$26,223

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

By Linda Wolcott



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established in Paris in 1833. It has spread around the world and is now in over 142 countries. Visiting people in their homes that call for help as caring friends is the most fundamental mission of a Conference. We want to be able to bring them Christ's love and hope. This work is done with the generous help of the whole parish. Our client's problems are confidential; we meet each to determine the family needs and give accordingly. I will tell several stories without using their names or identifying details.

Many of our friends find themselves out of work in this economy. Their homes are in foreclosure due to lack of income. They can not move as you cannot sign a lease without a job. Many people have no family and the street is the only option. Some still have their car which they can live in. These are our Foothills neighbors.

Anne has cancer and is having chemo. She had a good job previously. She lives far out in our beautiful desert; and, therefore, her car is even more of a necessity. Her temporary disability payments help with a renegotiated mortgage. Little is left for food, utilities and transportation. We signed her up for Care Club at the Desert Foothills Food Bank and made her car payment.



Monica is living in her car. She has no job and her car has problems which makes it unsafe to live in. We had her broken window fixed so that she felt safer at night.

When the car had mechanical problems we

helped with those. A major need these days is gas vouchers to keep the cars of the homeless running.

Janie has multiple serious health problems.

Her husband has to stay home to care for her. There are three children. They have applied for a live in caregiver so that her husband can get a job. We helped with the overdue electric bill, food and gasoline.

We see people as they age alone in this world. Their funds run out as available part time work slows. Social Security can not pay for basic necessities some months. We see mothers trying to hide dire circumstances from their children. We see the lack of funds for vital medication. We see the pain of asking for help. We see Christ in their eyes and hope that they see Christ in ours.

“What we do for the poor is not something we do for God, our work is what we allow God to do through us.”

Blessed Frederic Ozanam

The Conference here at OLOJ has many other activities. We sponsor a Back to School program for needy families in our parish area with gift cards to buy school items. We volunteer at our local Bashas' Turkey Tuesday. Store patrons donate turkeys for the main campus of SVDP in Phoenix where our dining rooms are. We also fill Thanksgiving Food boxes for families we have helped with food donated by our parish. At Christmas we facilitate the "Adopt Family" project.

Our Conference has made friends with the community of the San Carlos Apache Reservation. We collect household essentials and store

them in a donated storage shed. When we have a truck load, we head for San Carlos and a day of home visits and helping friends. A simple thing such as beds is a much needed item. Most residents do not have one.

In addition to the above many of our members volunteer at the Phoenix campus. They work with the homeless, in the kitchen and conducting interviews.



Society Of St. Vincent De Paul Our Lady of Joy Conference

As a ministry of 20, these selfless, dedicated, hardworking volunteers dedicate 1000's of hours helping others in and around our community. They do this with so much grace, love, kindness, patience, understanding, and joy. Our Lady of Joy is blessed to have all of these wonderful volunteers.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides help to those who are in need by offering immediate assistance with rent, utilities food and other resources. Parishioner support is the primary source of funding.

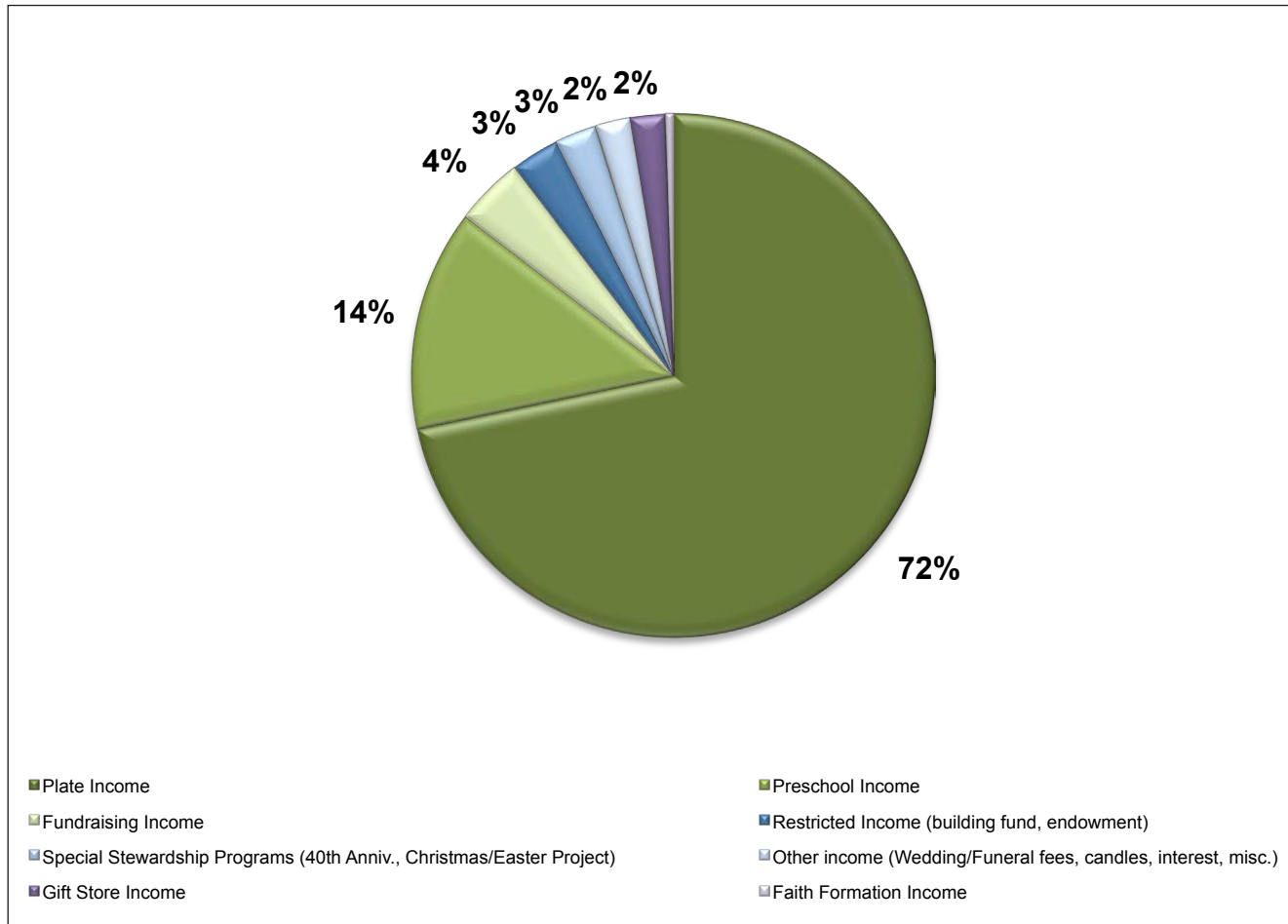
Donations received:	\$118,340
Client Aid expended:	\$61,927
Aid given to other conferences:	\$34,517
Aid to foreign conferences:	\$5,000
District 11 Council dues:	\$11,300
Operational Expenses:	\$734
Clients Served	308
Home Visits	134

From 2012 annual report. Oct 1, 2011 to Sept 30, 2012

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES

Parish Income

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012



Income Sources

Plate Income	1,456,127	72%	
Preschool Income	277,436	14%	
Fundraising Income	86,405	4%	Includes Our Lady's Guild
Restricted Income (building fund, endowment)	60,737	3%	
Special Stewardship Programs (40th Anniv., Christmas/Easter Prc)	52,048	3%	
Other income (Wedding/Funeral fees, candles, interest, misc.)	43,946	2%	
Gift Store Income	43,274	2%	
Faith Formation Income	10,146	<1%	

Total Income

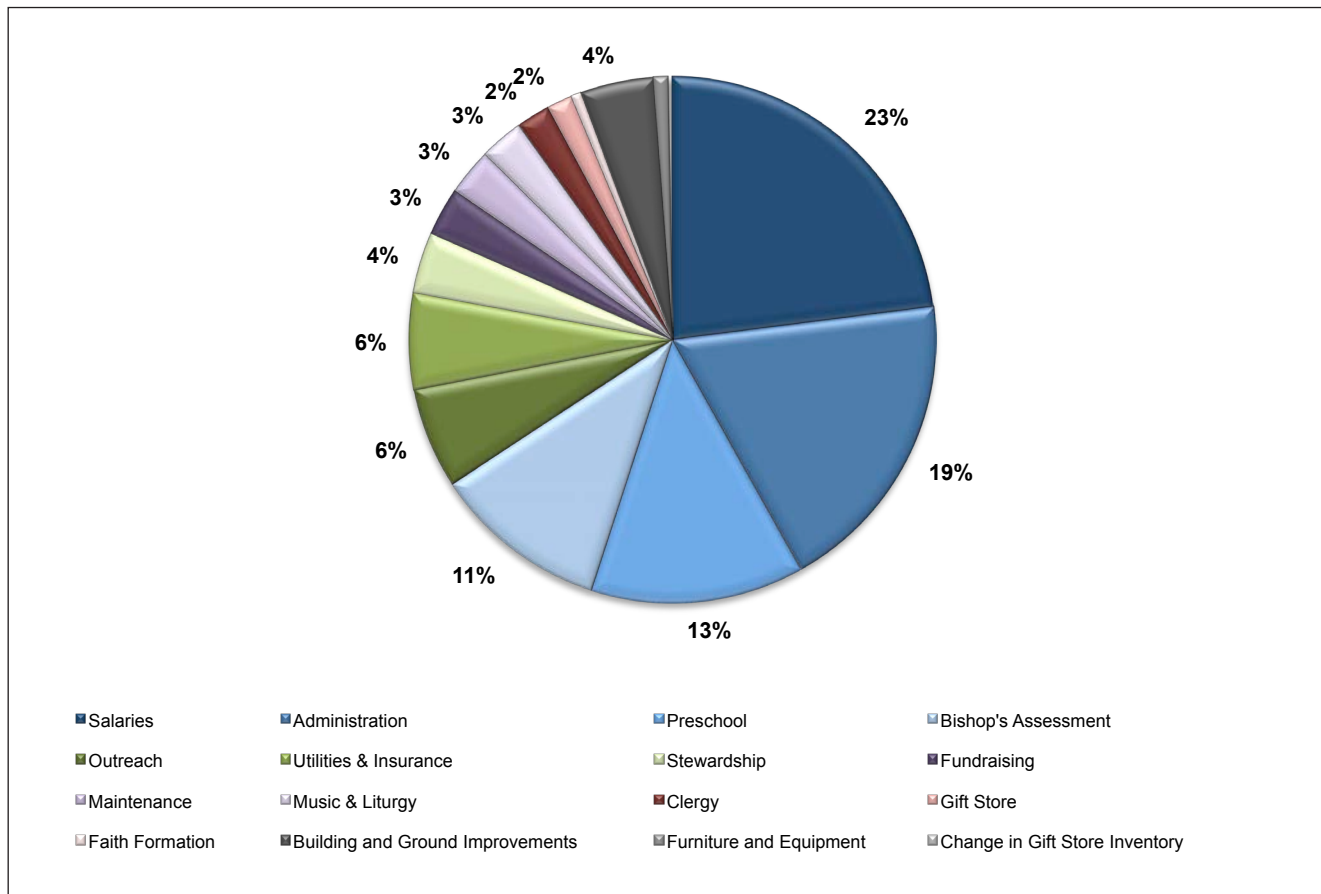
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For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.
Romans 12:2-4

Parish Operating Expenses

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012



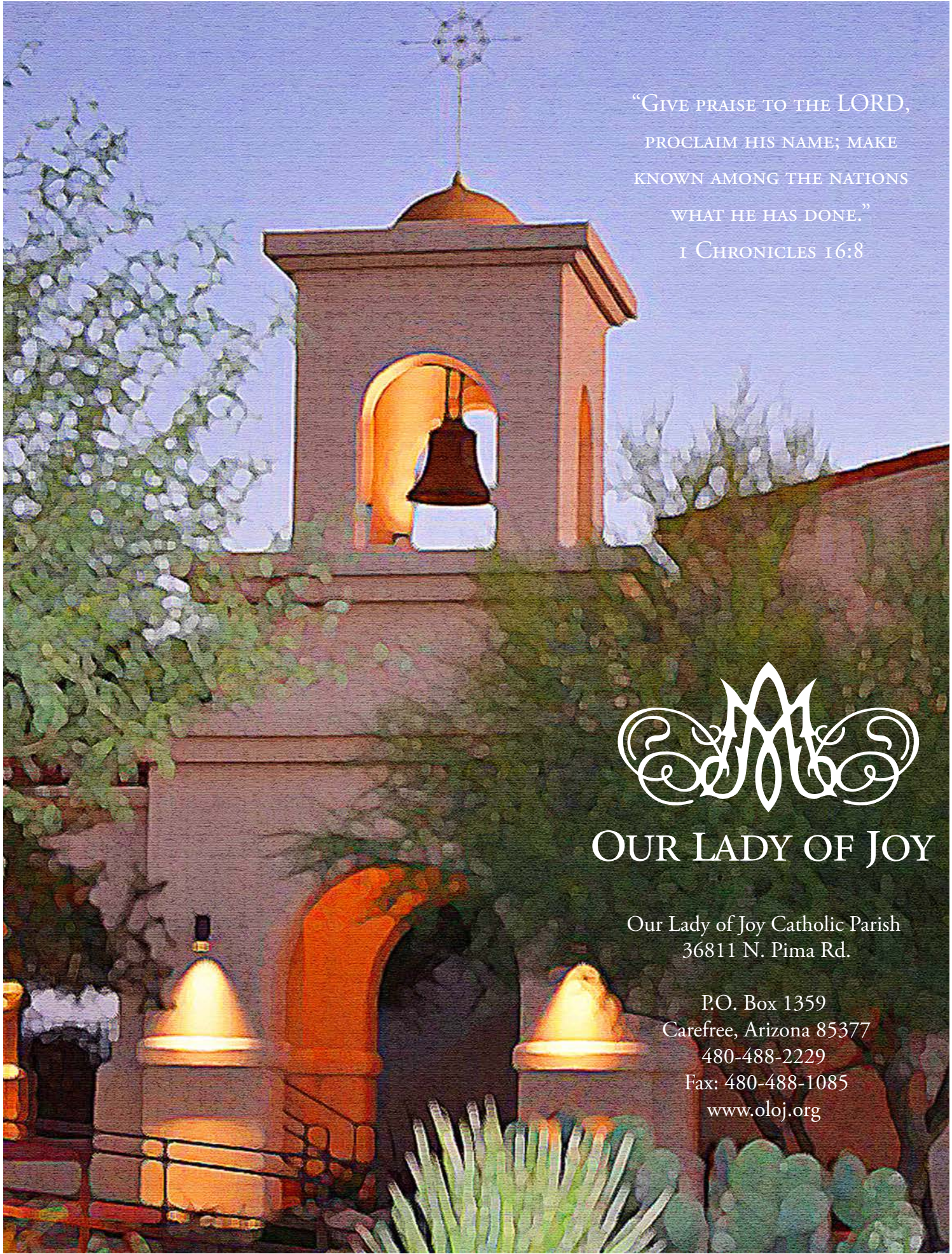
Parish Operating Expenses

Salaries	466,436	23%	
Administration	383,192	19%	
Preschool	266,909	13%	
Bishop's Assessment	218,382	11%	
Outreach	126,305	6%	
Utilities & Insurance	119,892	6%	
Stewardship	75,559	4%	Includes 40th Anniversary Expenses
Fundraising	60,448	3%	
Maintenance	57,956	3%	
Music & Liturgy	54,191	3%	
Clergy	41,942	2%	
Gift Store	32,184	2%	
Faith Formation	13,187	1%	
Building and Ground Improvements	90,880	4%	
Furniture and Equipment	17,464	1%	
Change in Gift Store Inventory	5,305	<1%	

Total Expense

\$2,030,232

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“GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD,
PROCLAIM HIS NAME; MAKE
KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS
WHAT HE HAS DONE.”
1 CHRONICLES 16:8



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