

OUR LADY of *Joy*
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Carefree, Arizona



STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

A LETTER FROM FATHER JESS

Dear Family of God,

I am pleased to present the 2021-2022 Stewardship Annual Report. The report highlights the important work accomplished by 385 volunteers whose work spans 40 ministries as well as committees, programs, and services that touch the lives of our parishioners and also those in need within our diocese. During the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, our ministry leaders, staff, and volunteers continued to address and resolve the unique challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic.

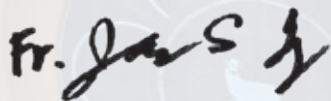
The church and adoration chapel remained unlocked for those wanting private prayer. Of great importance was that we were able to successfully fulfill our two annual parish projects: the Parish Advent Project benefiting St. Charles Mission School and St. Agnes Catholic School, and the Parish Lenten Project benefiting First Way Pregnancy Center and Aid to Women.

As our fiscal year ended on June 30, 2022, plans were already underway for the full restoration of parish life as we assessed the needs of the faithful while prioritizing the physical well-being of our parishioners and the community-at-large.

Please know of our constant and continued prayers for all of you throughout this entire pandemic. We pray each day for all of you at morning mass and during our evening prayers.

Thank you for continuing to serve the Lord and Our Lady of Joy by your tireless support, your presence and worship-offering. I am grateful for each of you and the generous support you have given the parish and myself, as well as Father Clement and Father Kurt, who recently began a new position at our diocese. May the Holy Spirit guide me, and may God bless each of you and your families. Please continue to pray for me.

Yours in Christ through Mary,



Fr. Jess Ty

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to build a community of missionary disciples through the Sacraments, prayer, acts of charity, and evangelization and catechesis based on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.



PASTORAL REPORT

Registered Families	1628
Number of Anointings	32
Number of Communion Calls	48
Marriages	13
Deaths	34
Baptisms (all ages)	55
Confirmations	51
1st Reconciliation	35
1st Eucharist	48
RCIA	13
Religious Education Students	153
Preschool Students	27
Full Time Employees	16
Part Time Employees	4
Number of Volunteers	365
Number of Ministries	40
Charity and Development Appeal	
Goal: \$285,000 Actual: \$376,926	





FAITH FORMATION

By David Lins, Director of Faith Formation

The Faith Formation Department hoped that July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 would be a time for the program to return full-force in the wake of a global pandemic, but new challenges surprised us all. Despite the unforeseen tests, the volunteers and staff of the parish rose to overcome them.

We began the year with tremendous promise for children’s catechesis and family ministry. Anna Dice was entering her second year as Coordinator of Children’s Catechesis and her first with everyone back in the classrooms. Easing back to in-person programming, classes were limited to twice monthly and volunteers returned to teach our youngest parishioners. Dinners were provided as an opportunity for families of the parish with children of similar age to build relationships. Speakers tackled topics relevant to today’s parent, and family adoration took place at every other class session.

The program was impacted when Anna had to depart unexpectedly, but the program volunteers forged ahead with several staff members graciously staying late and helping with whatever was needed. Sr. Susan Marie took on several additional responsibilities as Interim Coordinator, and as a result, the children continued to be taught the Faith without interruption. The Sacraments fittingly took place on Pentecost Sunday and were celebrated by Bishop Thomas Olmsted at his last parish visit before retirement. A true blessing for our parish.

Also joining the parish staff amid the challenges of the pandemic was our Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Mady Mooradian. In this, her first year under normal circumstances, Life Teen High School Ministry and Edge Middle School Ministry both returned to regular meetings on Sunday night and Wednesday night, respectively. Both programs started a bit small as families became more comfortable with public gatherings and momentum had to be regained with high-quality programming and consistency.

Continuing the theme, the Rite of Christian Initiation returned to Wednesday nights, now taking place in the Parish Library. David Lins and a curated volunteer team of three led those wishing to become Catholic, those wishing to complete their sacraments of initiation, and anyone who wanted to “audit” the class, in lessons leading all the way from the existence of God to the Creed. The year ended several weeks after many of the participants received sacraments at the Easter Vigil with a party hosted by Fr. Jess in the rectory.

Every adult Faith Formation class returned fully to the Church campus with the exception of the virtual Saturday morning Bible Study. Parishioners were thrilled to finally be able to fully take advantage of the Parish Hall remodel almost every day of the week.

I am proud of the way our parishioners, staff, clergy, and volunteers went above and beyond to ensure that Faith Formation remained a central force at Our Lady of Joy despite the many challenges.



PRESCHOOL

By Jessica Snook, Director of Preschool



Our Lady of Joy Preschool, located on the south side of our campus behind the church and parish hall, has been teaching children since 1991. Our preschool teaches children ages 3-5 years old in a faith-filled academic setting featuring small class sizes and excellent teachers. We have two preschool classes and two PreK classes that have approximately 8-10 students in each class. The 2020-2021 school year presented unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and our school community worked as a team to create the safest and best early childhood learning environment for our children.



All Catholic schools were closed by the diocese because of the pandemic in March 2020 and although we did not have virtual learning or physical classes, our school community communicated through emails and our social media platforms. Bishop Olmsted passionately communicated to our Catholic school families that the pandemic offered a time to grow stronger as Catholic families and focus our Catholic faith. Throughout the summer months of July and June 2020, our staff and teachers planned for a reopening of the preschool in August 2020. Our plan to keep students and staff healthy and safe was successful, resulting in no reports of teachers or students with the virus during the 2020-2021 school year.



The success of the 2020-2021 school year was the result of a team effort where our preschool families and staff worked hand in hand to keep our school healthy. Our staff wore masks, created pods for the classrooms and increased cleaning practices, to name a few of the strategies employed. After each recess, the outdoor playground, tricycles and balls were sterilized, and a top of the line electrostatic machine was used to clean the classrooms each evening. Our treasured preschool annual events such as Trunk or Treat and Breakfast with St. Nick were cancelled and instead were celebrated in the classroom with the students. Additionally, each classroom had separate arrival and dismissal doors that saved parents time and reduced traffic in the school parking lot - something that we still incorporate into our daily procedures. The 2020-2021 school year was certainly unique and our preschool community grew stronger in our efforts to keep our children healthy and safe during the pandemic. We are grateful for the support of Father Jess Ty, Bishop Olmsted and the Catholic Schools Office during this time.



PARISH OUTREACH

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund	\$4,110.00
Advent Project: St. Agnes Catholic School	\$14,868.20
Advent Project: St. Charles Apache Mission School	\$9,741.22
Sanctity of Life Ministry	\$7,779.90
Religious Retirement	\$2,315.00
Gospel of Life	\$6,260.10
Special Collection - Ukraine	\$2,549.90
Lenten Project: Aid to Women Center	\$12,669.75
Lenten Project: First Way Pregnancy Center	\$6,090.25
Holy Land	\$3,339.00
Communications	\$3,701.00
Priest's Discretionary Fund	\$15,000.00
St. Michael Catholic Church	\$2,713.00
Memorial Gift Donations	\$1,200.00
Building Fund	\$172,637.11
Parish Outreach	\$15,086.66
St. Michael Catholic Church	\$4,177.36
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	\$11,000.00
Total Donations	\$277,348.09



1st WAY PREGNANCY CENTER



SOCIAL MEDIA

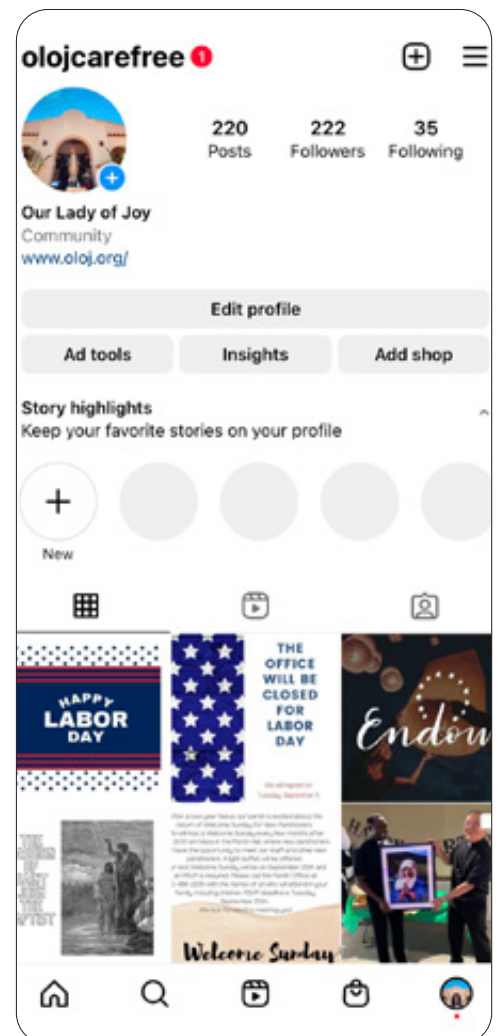
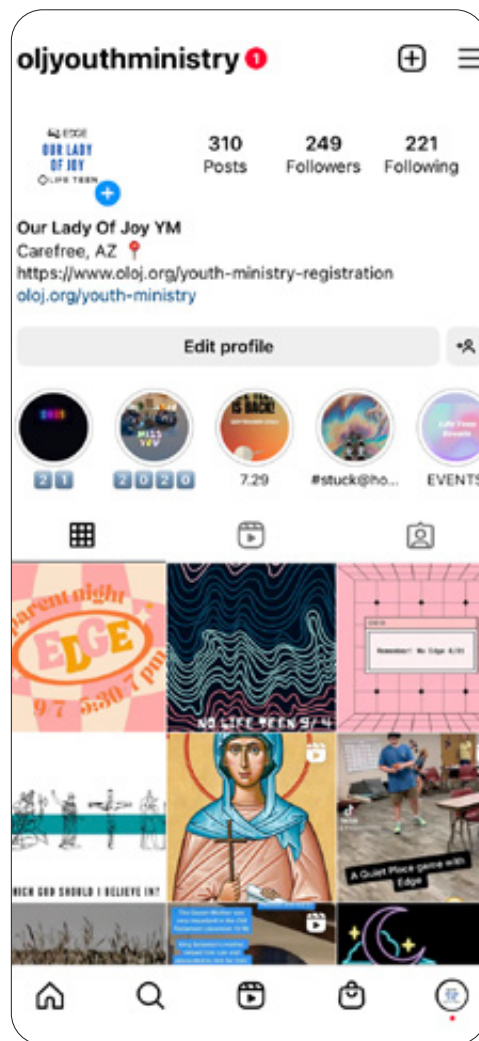
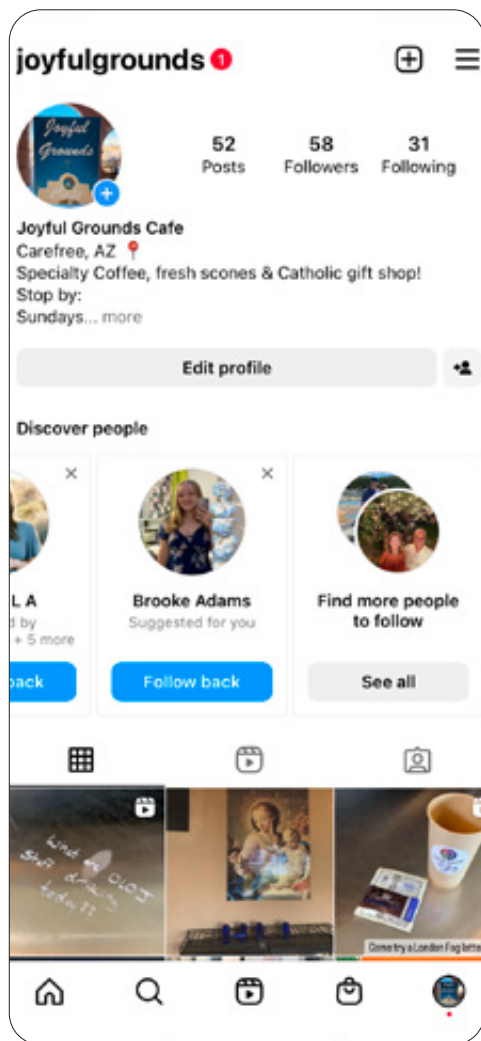
By Madyson Mooradian, Social Media Coordinator

The Our Lady of Joy Facebook page has an estimated audience of 23,700 and the Our Lady of Joy Instagram has an estimated audience of 22,000, according to the statistics from Facebook. From January 1 to September 2022, there were 132 new Instagram followers. The three Instagram accounts have a total of 529 followers, which is a gain of 138 from this past year.

The OLOJ Instagram and Facebook accounts are used for evangelization to our parishioners and community.

This year, the OLOJ youth ministry started a TikTok account, which has a following of 102 and 1,080 likes on our videos. This account was made to reach the teens of the parish, and includes stories of the saints and Catholic teaching.

Our Lady of Joy continues to live stream Masses on our YouTube channel and currently has 638 subscribers.



FAMILY MINISTRY

By Moni Matthews-Hoffmann, Coordinator of Children's Catechesis & Family Ministry

Family Ministry at Our Lady of Joy seeks to create a supportive environment for families with children to grow in faith and fellowship, to build a Catholic culture and to find a second home through the bonds formed with the families and the parish. This time allows the parents to focus on building fellowship and faith with other families that are raising children within the Catholic Faith. We will have speakers, videos, once a month adoration and small group discussions focused around raising a Catholic Family in today's world.

We were tremendously excited this year to bring Family Ministry back home to Our Lady of Joy after wrapping up a successful at home program throughout Covid. As our families returned, we enjoyed many nights of food, fellowship and faith together. Our families gathered together for meals in the Parish Hall and then parents spent time listening to speakers and videos to strengthen the faith within their families. We had a wonderful turnout and are looking forward to another amazing year!



1st Reconciliation	35
1st Eucharist	48
Confirmations	51
Holy Family Catechesis Students	153



YOUTH MINISTRY

By Madyson Mooradian, Youth Ministry Coordinator

LIFE TEEN & EDGE FALL 2021

Life Teen and Edge began the Fall semester of 2021 with kickoff events. Life Teen set up inflatable games in the Parish Hall and 20 teens attended. Edge played “Family Feud” with 14 students in attendance. The semester included nights of different forms of spirituality (Ignatian, Augustinian, Thomistic, and Franciscan), divine mercy, and gender identity. Each week varied with youth participants but stayed within the 10-17 persons range. The highlight of the semester was a Vocations Panel for Life Teen, where we invited people living out different vocations to come and talk to Life Teen. In attendance were: Katherine and Andrew Lahera, Fr. Kurt, Br. Scott Slatum, Kimberly Zeeman, and Sr. Susan Marie.

In November, 11 teens and 3 Core Members went up north to Tonto Rim Camp for a weekend retreat. The theme of this retreat was vocation and how teens can start praying for their vocation in high school. This 3-day retreat went very well and one of the teens said they had never considered any other vocation besides marriage, but now was more open to praying about religious life and consecrated single life.

After Christmas break, Life Teen and Edge held their kick off events in January of 2022. The Life Teen event was a “Minute to Win It” style game night and had 13 teens attend. The Edge event was based off the popular phone app, “Among Us” and also had about 13 students attend. Each weekly meeting ranged from 10-15 students for both Life Teen and Edge. In April, we conducted Synod meetings for both Life Teen and Edge, as Pope Francis asked. Some of the greatest joys the youth experience in the church revolve around community at Life Teen and Edge and going on retreats.

This semester included nights of Eucharistic Adoration, dodge ball outdoor nights, a night on the importance of Mary’s fiat, and how to address mental health issues. On Thursday afternoons Mady and a Core Team member attended lunch at Notre Dame Preparatory where they led a Bible Study for both lunch periods with Fr. Kurt. These lunches have proven to be a successful evangelization outreach that promotes a bond between the parish and the high school. We ended the semester with bowling for Life Teen and a game night for Edge.



YOUTH MINISTRY

By Madyson Mooradian, Youth Ministry Coordinator

In the summer we continued our programming with Pancakes and Jesus from May to July. Every week we met on Wednesday from 8am -11 am. We began with 8 am Mass and spent the rest of the morning in the Teen Center. Some of these weeks included water balloon wars, color powder battles, board games, and puzzles. These events were attended with 10-15 students.

In June, Mady attended the Catholic Youth Minister's Convention in Scottsdale with a Core Team member. These four days were filled with prayer, information, and strategies to equip the ministry.

In July, Our Lady of Joy took 10 high school students, two priests, and three Core Team members to the Steubenville West Conference in Tucson. This 3-day retreat was filled with talks from Catholic speakers, music, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and community. All of the teens expressed gratitude for this opportunity to grow in their faith lives.

We're so thankful for all the youth and parents who are involved in our youth ministry programming and are excited to grow closer to God and in community in the time to come!



OUR LADY'S GUILD

By Sharon Madura, Our Lady's Guild President

Our Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Joy is dedicated to living Catholic values through prayer and action. More than 150 parish women with a myriad of backgrounds become one in their Guild Sisterhood. We meet monthly, September through May, to connect with each other, foster new friendships and be engaged by an array of presentations. Additionally, we have other social events and are excited about our Spring Luncheon with a Mardi Gras theme.

Several Guild Interest groups offer opportunities for personal growth including the Sister-to-Sister Breakfast bunch, Book Club, Hiking Club and Finer Diners. Guild Outreach programs support our sisterhood and our community. Our Prayer Warriors offer a group Divine Mercy Chaplet service for any Guild member or her immediate family member who is ill or dying. Our Lady's Angels offer rides, meals and other support to members facing personal or physical challenges. The Funeral Reception Committee is a new addition which facilitates funeral receptions for our members/spouses after their funeral mass. Craft Angels is a wonderful group, open to the parish, that helps others through craft creations and the gathering of items for those in need.

We are united when working together for many charitable causes. We support our church financially through the tremendous success of our Annual Christmas Bazaar which will be held in December this year. Our Lady's Guild has committed to donating to our 50th Anniversary Jubilee. We also lend a helping hand to support parish projects most notably the Parish Advent Project and the Parish Lenten Project. Our Back-to-School Drive has also been an annual event benefitting St. Charles Catholic School on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

All women of the parish are encouraged to join. We look forward to welcoming new members and strengthening our visibility on our church campus.

GUILD OUTREACH GRANT AWARDS

OLOJ for Baptism Bibs	\$263.77
Our Lady of Joy Church Holiday Bazaar 2020	\$11,718.39
Craft Angels	\$1,000.00
OLOJ Staff Gifts	\$400.00
OLOJ Sisters - Gift of Liturgy Books	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$13,532.16



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

By Richard Maes, Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus are an organization of Catholic men dedicated to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Founded in 1882 by the blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney and a small group of laymen in New Haven, CT the Knights have grown to be one of the largest fraternal beneficial organizations in the world. They are now known as “The Strong Right Arm of the Church” for their spirited defense of the faith and their numerous acts to support the church and those less fortunate.

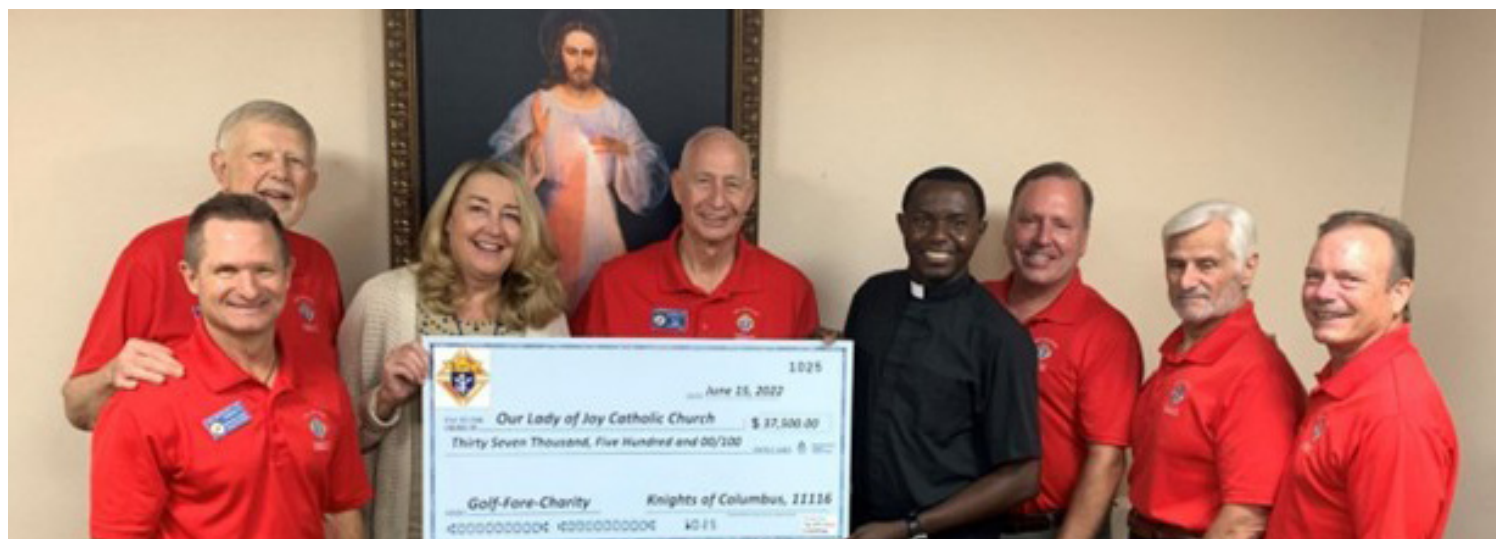
The Knights at Our Lady of Joy are an active, visible group who are involved in every area of parish life. Many of the Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, choir members and parish committee members proudly call themselves Knights, as do Fr. Jess and Fr. Clement.

Perhaps nothing is more important to the Knights at Our Lady of Joy than their service work that supports local religious and youth organizations, Catholic Education, vocations, veterans, first responders, feeding the poor, and providing aid to the disabled. Our Golf Fore Charity event, Lenten fish dinners, Tootsie Roll sale and other events improve the lives of others.

All practical Catholic men over the age of 18 are welcome to become one of “These Men We Call Knights.”



OUR GOOD WORKS 2020-2021	
Aid to Disabled	\$2,000
Catholic Education	\$61,175
Culture of Life	\$922
Family Aid and Food	\$5,600
Pro-Life and Women's Center	\$106,500
Religious	\$47,750
Veterans & First Responders	\$7,750
Youth	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$241,697





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

By Douglas Rea, St. Vincent de Paul President





Poverty never takes a vacation. That is why at the Our Lady of Joy Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we are on-call every day of the year. We carry on our work through the donations of our very generous parishioners, which was even greater this year as evidenced by increased monetary, food, and clothing donations.

In order to be the most effective and preserve every person's dignity we keep our financial assistance confidential. We help pay utility bills during the hot summers when some of our local families can't afford the extra expense. We help with unexpected medical and dental bills that have gotten to be a burden on people living on a fixed income. We help with car repairs and replacing tires to help people who have no financial means to get these things and are dependent on them for transportation to and from work. Sometimes they just need a full tank of gas at the end of their month and their money. Sometimes, people find themselves in a situation where they can't pay their rent for a month or two, usually when they are temporarily out of a job. We pay rents! We have a special food drive the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We call it Turkey Tuesday. This is a whole community project in which St. Vincent De Paul Conferences in the greater Metropolitan area participate. We try to make sure that every family has a turkey for the holiday. Throughout the year, we conduct food drives and clothes drives to help those in need. We have a back to school project for needy students from ages 5 through 18. We give each child a back pack, two gift cards for Walmart for school supplies and a voucher for the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store for clothes. Finally, we contribute to the Phoenix St. Vincent de Paul community through aid to conferences (with needs greater than parish donations), the "Ministry of the Homeless" (homeless food and living assistance), the "Bring Hope Home Ministry" (assistance in relocating homeless to apartment living), and "One at a Time" (tuition assistance for first time in family college students).



Our Founder, Frederic Ozanam stated, "No act of charity is foreign to our society." We abide by this whole-heartedly and do a variety of things to help our people get back on their feet and back in a good place in their lives. But we are so much more than a charity. We are "Christ-bearers" to people who have financial needs beyond their ability to pay. We bear the love, light and message of our Lord and Savior to the people we serve. We pray with them, encourage them and many times leave them with a Bible or a rosary or other religious objects as well as being understanding hearts, feeding hands and friends of the poor financially.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul	
Our Lady of Joy Conference	
	
Unrestricted Donations Received:	\$132,072
Restricted Donations Received:	\$100,000
Client Aid Expended:	\$63,433
Aid to other Phoenix Conferences:	\$38,672
Aid to Foreign Conferences:	\$3,000
District 11 Dues:	\$7,483
St. Vincent De Paul Endowment Fund:	\$7,210
Operational Expenses:	\$1,324
Home and other In-Person visits:	100
Clients Served:	168
Total Hours of Service:	4,216
Total Miles Driven:	26,680
	

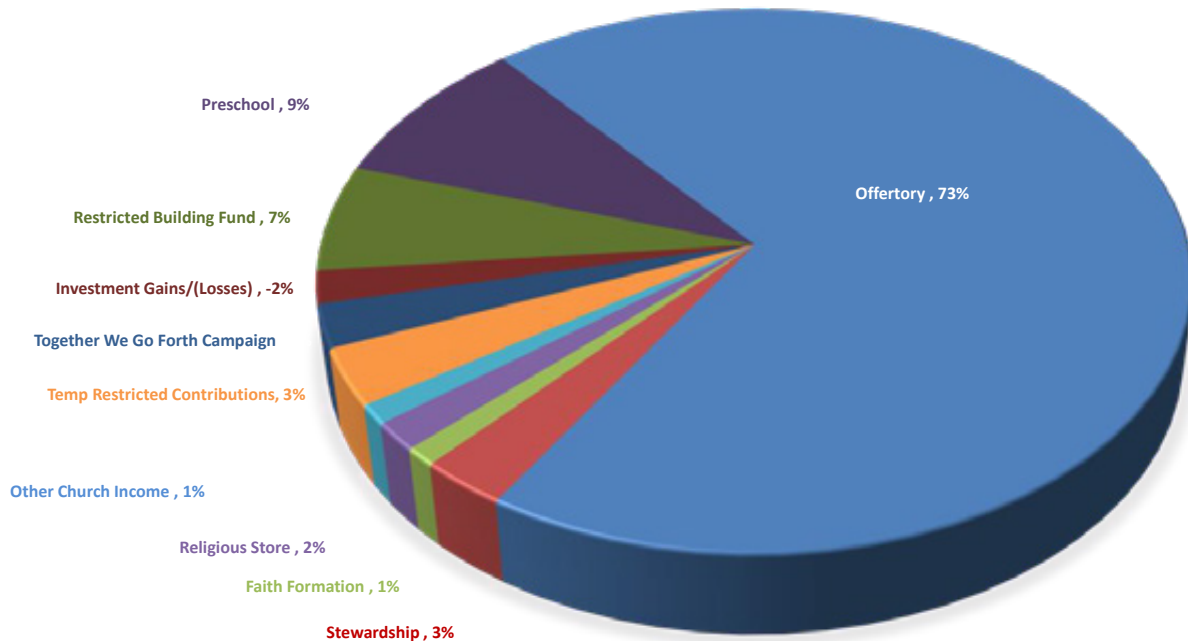
And most importantly, we are a Vincentian family who grow together spiritually through our work, our fellowship, and the Spirituality we put into our meetings. We meet two Fridays a month at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. And are always looking for new individuals to join our conference. Please feel free to come and join us!

PARISH INCOME

By Laura Hicks, Director of Parish Operations

Parish Income

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



Parish Operating Income

Offertory	1,912,725	73%
Stewardship	79,481	3%
Faith Formation	29,088	1%
Religious Store	45,420	2%
Other Church Income	31,271	1%
Temp Restricted Contributions	91,943	3%
Together We Go Forth Campaign	70,000	3%
Investment Gains/(Losses)	(52,979)	-2%
Restricted Building Fund	172,735	7%
Preschool	248,296	9%
Total Income	2,627,980	

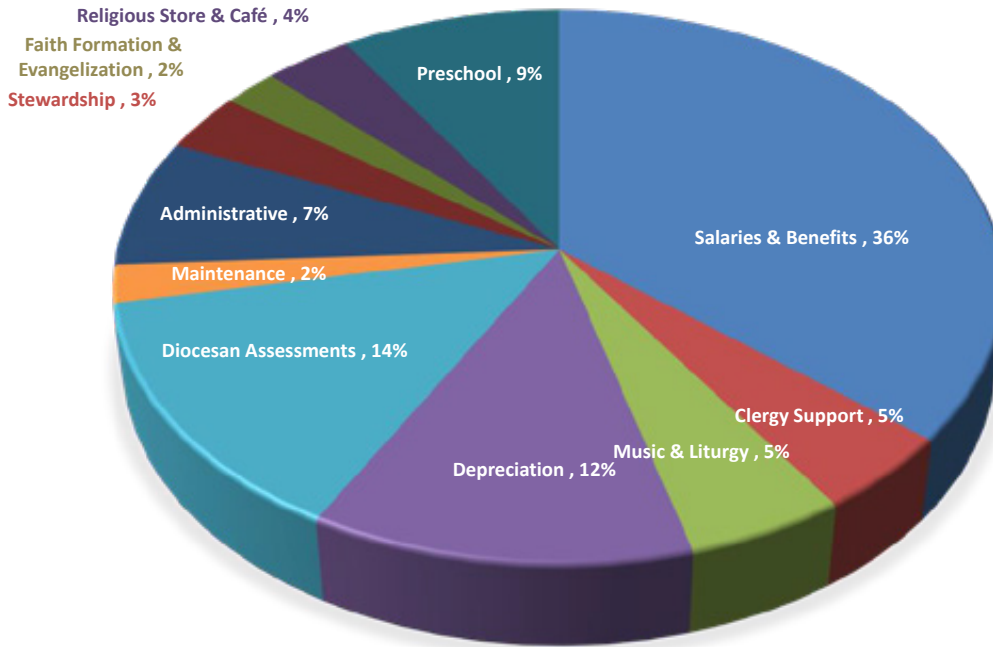
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PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES

By Laura Hicks, Director of Parish Operations

Parish Operating Expenses

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



Parish Operating Income

Salaries & Benefits	879,015	36%
Clergy Support	112,132	5%
Music & Liturgy	124,431	5%
Depreciation	300,175	12%
Diocesan Assessments	338,462	14%
Maintenance	53,476	2%
Administrative	182,204	7%
Stewardship	83,479	3%
Faith Formation & Evangelization	55,510	2%
Religious Store & Café	88,358	4%
Preschool	221,156	9%
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	2,438,398	

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