OUR LADY of Joy

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Carefree, Arizona*



# STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

## JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

# A Letter from Father Jess

*Dear Family of God,*

As we bring another fruitful fiscal year to a close, I give thanks to God for the abundant blessings He has bestowed upon our parish family. Throughout the year, our community has continued to grow in faith through worship, prayer, service, and generous stewardship.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to our pastoral staff and to the dedicated ministry leaders and their volunteers who support our mission of to build a community of missionary disciples through the sacraments, prayer, acts of charity, evangelization, and catechesis based on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. I am equally grateful to the members of our Pastoral Council and Finance Council, whose prayerful discernment, wise counsel, and responsible stewardship help guide our parish and advance its mission.

Together, these faithful servants help us respond to the spiritual, educational, pastoral, and practical needs of more than 4,500 parishioners. Their generous gifts of time, talent, and expertise—joined with the prayerful support and participation of our entire parish family—make our parish a welcoming home where faith is deepened, hope is renewed, and the love of Christ is made visible.

With gratitude for all we have accomplished together, I look forward to the year ahead with confidence in God's providence. May He continue to bless our parish, strengthen our unity, and guide us as we joyfully serve Him and one another.

*Yours In Christ through Mary Immaculate,*

Fr. Jess Ty

*Fr. Jess Ty*



# PASTORAL REPORT

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| Registered Families | 2,600 |
| Number of Anointings | 690 |
| Number of Communion Calls | 1,330 |
| Marriages | 13 |
| Deaths | 56 |
| Baptisms (all ages) | 50 |
| Confirmations | 15 |
| 1st Reconciliation | 13 |
| 1st Eucharist | 13 |
| OCIA | 38 |
| Religious Education Students | 44 |
| Preschool Students | 26 |
| Full Time Employees | 19 |
| Part Time Employees | 5 |
| Number of Volunteers | 280 |
| Number of Ministries | 39 |
| Charity and Development Appeal | |
| Goal: $285,000 Actual: $350,009 (includes projected recurring gifts) | |














# FAITH FORMATION

*By Tatiana E. Horne, Coordinator of Children's Catechesis*

The Faith Formation Ministry has helped countless families grow closer to God through many programs at Our Lady of Joy. The Catholic Church globally has experienced a surge in individuals desiring to receive sacraments and become Catholic and Our Lady of Joy is no different.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) had nearly 60 adults celebrate Catholic sacraments at the Easter Vigil— they were young and old ten were teenagers and ten were over eighty years old. The young Catholics were seeking the whole truth that they have been able to find only within the Catholic Church and the more seasoned candidates did not want to leave this world "not being Catholic!" Grandparents, parents and children received baptism, communion and confirmation together - it was a great blessing to celebrate and welcome them.

Alpha continues to explain the basics of Christian faith to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The sessions were held off campus and helped bring many individuals closer to God. Approximately 25 to 35 people attended each of the sessions.

Our Lady of Joy hosted Parish Missions at Advent (featuring Father Parks) and Lent (featuring Andre Regnier and Catholic Christian Outreach), which were both well-attended and inspiring.

Catholicism for the Curious continued to instruct attendees on elements of the Catholic faith that are not covered in depth during the weekly homilies. Deacon Dan led these sessions which drew 25-75 people each month.

That Man Is You had another successful year, meeting Friday mornings at 6:00 am with breakfast, presentation and small group discussions. The group had as many as 80 attendees join for fraternal fellowship and faith formation.

In total, from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, Our Lady of Joy had 50 baptisms, 15 Confirmations, 13 First Reconciliations and 44 students in our Children's Religious Education programs.











# PRESCHOOL

*By Veronica Hale, Director of Preschool*




Located on the south side of the church campus, Our Lady of Joy Preschool has been nurturing young children ages three to five since 1991. During the 2025-2026 school year, we welcomed 26 enrolled students into the preschool community. We offer two preschool classes and two Pre-K classes; all housed in our stand-alone building. Our main feeder schools are Annunciation Catholic School. and St. John XXIII, both esteemed K-8 grade programs.

OLOJ Preschool boasts many unique features, most notable our faith formation program. We teach the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program in the Holy Family building. CGS is an enriching program that introduces children to the Catholic faith at their level. Through more than 35 hands on presentations, children explore the Annunciation, parables, the Holy Land, alter settings, and the liturgical calendar, among other topics. Furthermore, we incorporate prayer, the lives of the Saints, and the story of Jesus into our daily and weekly schedule. Our preschool curriculum is rooted in academics and encompasses math, science, handwriting, and literacy.

Each year, we celebrate numerous memorable events with our preschool families, including Grandparents' Day, All Saints Day, Trunk or Treat, St. Nick's Breakfast, Muffins with Mom, Crowning of Mary, and Donuts with Dad. These special traditions create opportunities for our families to gather, celebrate, and build lasting connections. We are also blessed each year to hold a special graduation Mass and ceremony for our Pre-K students as they transition into kindergarten. Our graduates celebrate this milestone in cap and gown, followed by a reception with their families at the preschool.




A special part of the preschool experience is the connection we have with our local community. We are grateful for the many community members who took time to come visit our students and provide a Learning experience for them. This year we welcomed the Carefree Fire Department, Carefree Police Marshall, Pediatric Dentistry, Swim School, the Arizona Rangers, and Jungle ALL. We truly value these partnerships and the opportunity to help our students feel connected to the community around them.



Our parents experience a special connection with our teachers and staff as drop-off and pick-up times offer opportunities for meaningful conversations about their students' day. In addition, twice a year, our teachers conduct assessments to understand each student's progress and meet with parents to discuss their child's successes and areas for growth. Our students transition to their kindergarten classes with solid self-confidence, a strong academic foundation, and a love for friends and faith. As the school year continues, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as Director of Our Lady of Joy Preschool. We extend our sincere gratitude to Father Jess and the Catholic Diocese for their continued support of Catholic education and for the many blessings they provide our school community.







# PARISH OUTREACH

| FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 | |
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| Advent Project: St. Agnes Catholic School | $16,706.01 |
| Advent Project: St. Charles Apache Mission School | $9,642.99 |
| All In | $20,400.00 |
| Gospel of Life | $75.00 |
| Fr. John Paul Uganda Rectory | $48,920.00 |
| Holy Land | $2,100.00 |
| Lenten Project: Aid to Women Center | $7,837.40 |
| Lenten Project: First Way Pregnancy Center | $11,554.65 |
| Nazareth Seminary House | $70,000.00 |
| Peter's Pence | $1,310.00 |
| Priest's Discretionary Fund | $36,150.00 |
| Sanctity of Life Ministry | $4,250.00 |
| Social Outreach | $42,545.00 |
| Special Collection - Black & Indian | $1,941.00 |
| St. Charles Back-to-School | $9,452.00 |
| Support Our Seminarians | $5,660.00 |
| **Total Donations** | **$288,544** |

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Aid to Women CENTER



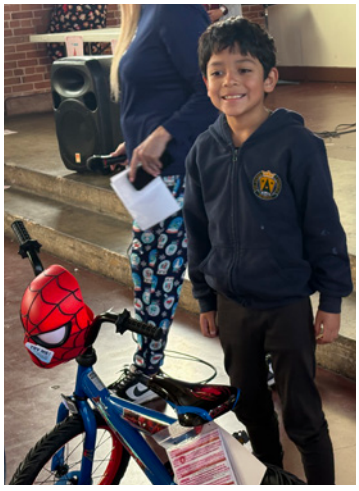














# ALL IN

*By Maggie Cuevas*

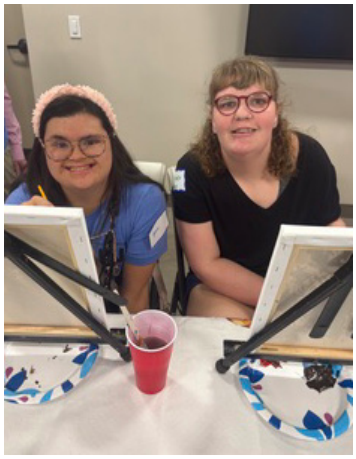
- ALL IN is a OLOJ ministry that provides meaningful fellowship, religious education and enrichment, and advocacy for people with special needs and their families.
- ALL IN started in October of 2024 with 8 special needs families. ALL IN currently serves over 50 families.
- ALL IN has assisted with the sacramental fulfillment of 7 people with disabilities in spring 2026. Bishop Olmsted celebrated mass for this joyous occasion. ALL IN has assisted with 11 total people with disabilities receiving their sacraments over the past three years.
- ALL IN currently serves families from 7 different Catholic parishes in the Phoenix Diocese: Our Lady of Joy, St. Rose, St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Bernadette, Blessed Sacrament, St. Timothy, and St. Patrick.
- ALL IN hosted monthly events from September through May. Each event consisted of art, entertainment, and a catered meal. Each event was attended by 80-110 people. The monthly themes were: Luau, directed-canvas painting, Friendsgiving, Christmas, Magic Show, Wild About You Zoo encounter, and line dancing.
- ALL IN hosted a Lenten Retreat. Seminarians from St. Mary's House volunteered directly as buddies. We had a dove and taught about the Holy Spirit. All members got to hold the dove.
- ALL IN hosted "Knotted" and featured Fr. Jess, Fr. Chad, Fr. Clement, and Dcn. Peter Auriemma discussing different "knots" that we face in our lives. A devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots was also featured. The retreat was attended by over 140 people.











# SANCTITY OF LIFE

*By Nick Gaudio and Kathy Heisler, Co-Chairs*







Over the past year, the **Sanctity of Life Ministry** at Our Lady of Joy has answered Christ's call to love and serve the forgotten, the vulnerable, the voiceless, and the hurting among us. Rooted in prayer and a belief in the God-given dignity of every human life, our ministry offers simple yet powerful ways to live out our faith and make a meaningful impact.

In partnership with **Foothills Caring Corps**, our volunteers offered heartfelt service to elderly and home bound neighbors. These visits were more than transportation, they were moments of connection, kindness, and dignity for those who often feel alone.

Through our **Sidewalk Prayers,** our members spent many hours in peaceful, prayerful witness outside Planned Parenthood abortion center and in our Memorial Garden for the Unborn. These visible, loving prayers have touched hearts and even saved lives. When a woman in crisis sees someone praying, she's more likely to pause and reconsider. Our presence, grounded in faith and love, speaks volumes.

We continued our strong presence at the annual **March for Life** in Phoenix, arranging transportation and meals for 45 parishioners. It was a powerful witness of unity and compassion for the unborn. Through the **Roses for Life** campaign, we raised $2,500 for pro-life efforts, and for the fourth year in a row, we proudly won the state's competition for most roses sold.

One of our most meaningful projects was the creation of the **Memorial Garden for the Unborn.** Through 40 hours of volunteer effort, we built a sacred space for healing and prayer. The garden is a quiet refuge, where memorial plaques honor those little ones who were never born but are forever remembered. Fr. Jess blessed the garden at our official opening. To date, we have 29 plaques installed on the wall.

Our most far-reaching work came through **CarePortal,** which connects churches with children and families in urgent need. We drove 2,496 miles to fulfill 51 requests from social workers and pregnancy centers, by providing $25,060 worth of essential items: beds, strollers, car seats, diapers, clothes, furniture, and more. Many deliveries were made within 48 hours, offering not just help, but hope. We assumed leadership of the Lenten Project to collect donations for Pregnancy Support Centers and successfully raised over $18,942. We distributed informational cards to all Sanctity of Life Ministry members, containing contact details for helpful resources, to share with those in need on the streets. In terms of education, we provided pamphlets on how babies develop, which are available in the Narthex and at the OLOJ office.

These efforts reflect the heart of our parish, a family that prays, serves, and gives generously. Whether by donating goods, offering prayers, or simply showing up, our ministry continues to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are deeply grateful to all who supported this mission, especially our parish staff and the Knights of Columbus. Together, we are building a culture of life, one act of love at a time.

All are welcome to join our ministry.

# SOCIAL MEDIA

*By Katherine Lahera, Social Media Coordinator*

In today's digital age, social media has become an essential tool for communication, outreach and evangelization. For Our Lady of Joy, embracing social media is not merely about keeping up with trends- it is about fulfilling our mission to bring the Gospel to all corners of the world.

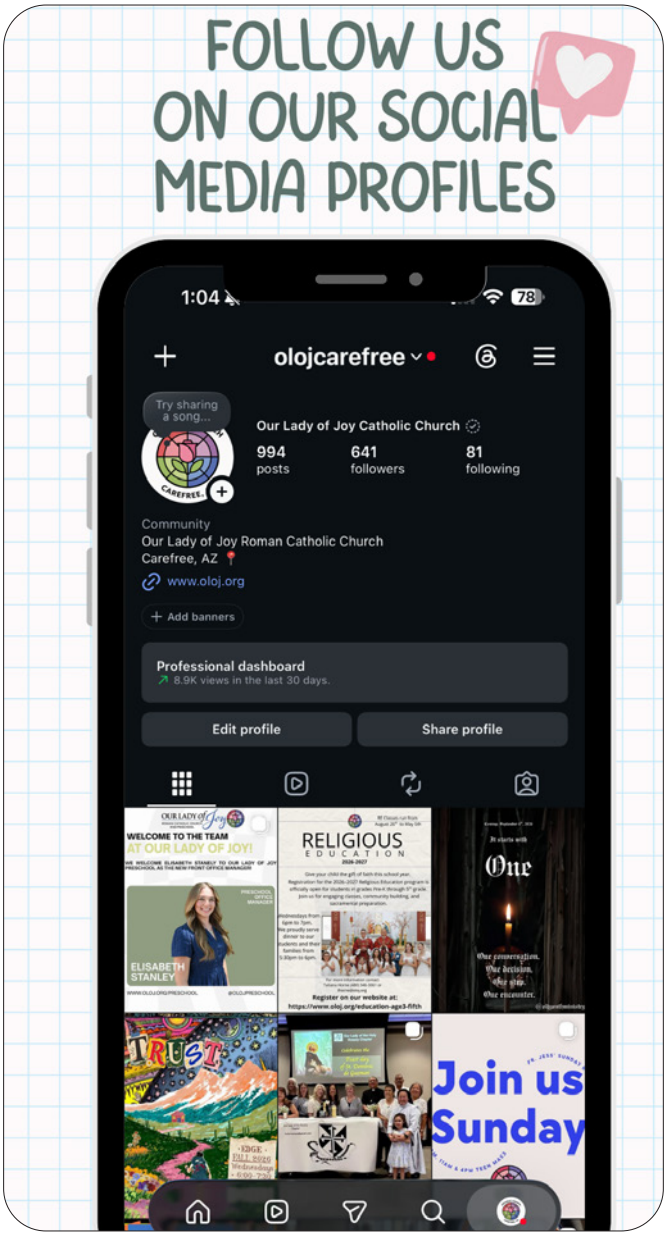
As of June 2026, Our Lady of Joy has Instagram accounts for the Joyful Grounds Café, Our Lady of Joy Youth Ministry, Our Lady of Joy Parish and Our Lady of Joy Preschool.

The Our Lady of Joy Parish Instagram account had over 900 posts with 600 plus followers. We have been increasing our followers at about 100 new followers a year with our Facebook account reaching about 1,400 followers this year.

Our Lady of Joy's Spotify account has 4,500 total plays this year as it continues to grow and more content is added to the episodes list.

The Our Lady of Joy YouTube Channel continues to stream two live Masses every weekend with up to 50 views on each stream. Subscribers to the YouTube channel increased from 908 to 1,076 and we have over 1,400 videos posted to our channel.

As the Church continues to adapt to the needs of a rapidly changing world, social media stands as a vital instrument in our pastoral efforts as it has the ability to reach people where they are at.






# FAMILY MINISTRY

*By Tatiana Horne, Coordinator of Children's Catechesis & Family Ministry*

As a ministry of Our Lady of Joy, religious education provides a variety of activities for families across all stages of life, fostering stronger love, a deeper relationship with God, and greater service to the community.

During the 2024-2025 school year, we engaged our students in classes, stewardship, sacraments, and a deeper learning of our faith. We provided a complimentary family dinner to all participants before each religious education class throughout the year. This was an unforeseen gift to all as it proved to be a great opportunity for families to sit together, engage, and break bread before each class.

We organized a variety of activities for our parish families ranging from an All-Saints parade and several retreats to formal classes and adoration. In February 2025, we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To expand the experience, we invited the families of the candidates to participate in this beautiful sacrament as well. In May 2025, we celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation. Included was one participant from a new parish organization, All In, a social and support group that meets monthly for people with special needs and their families. We also started a children's choir, directed by our music director, Gabriel Martinez. The choir participated in monthly masses and special events including the Veteran's Day Celebration at Sky Ranch Airport in Carefree, AZ.

We ended our school year with vacation bible school. Our theme was "True North--Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." The days were fueled with the love of God, fun music, engaging games, arts and crafts, and discipleship. Once again, The Knights of Columbus graciously ended our week with a barbecue lunch. In all, our Family Ministry at Our Lady of Joy experienced a productive year marked by strong family interaction and participation.

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| 1st Reconciliation | 13 |
| 1st Eucharist | 9 |
| 1st Confirmation | 9 |
| Religious Education | 44 |
| VBS Participants | 76 |
| VBS Volunteers | 50 |












# YOUTH MINISTRY

*By Ethan Bowers, Youth Ministry Coordinator*



Summer 2025

The summer youth ministry program began with a screening of the Saint Carlo Acutis movie, *Roadmap to Reality,* graciously paid for by the Knights of Columbus. About 20 teens and a few adult chaperones attended this event.

Pancakes with Jesus, an ongoing event, met in May, June, and July. Activities included water balloons, board games, and lots of Just Dance wii! These Wednesday mornings began with 8 am Mass and ran until 11 am in the Teen Center. All youth of the parish, from incoming sixth graders to just-graduated seniors, were invited.

A new addition to the summer calendar was a girls' sleepover at the OLOJ convent. Ten girls participated to experience Eucharistic Adoration, making chocolate chip cookies, swimming, and Dutch Bros coffee.

Twenty-one students and five adult chaperones traveled to San Diego in July for the Steubenville Conference. There, they went to Mass, prayed in Eucharistic Adoration, listened to Catholic speakers, and spent a few hours at the beach. The teens were struck by 2,000 other Catholic teens who traveled from across the Western United States to attend the conference.

Fall 2025

The Fall semester for Life Teen began with mini golf at Putting World and continued with a series on the Mass. This video series, *Alteration*, produced by Ascension Press, featured videos from Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. Joshua Johnson, and others. Each Sunday, the teens would watch a short video and discuss different aspects of the Mass.

Edge's semester was focused on *Growth*, a Bible Study from Catholic Christian Outreach. This study is designed to help students grow as disciples of Christ and consisted of topics such as community, the sacraments, and daily prayer.

Both Life Teen and Edge participated in Eucharistic Adoration during the semester to deepen their relationship with God.

Life Teen ended the Fall semester with a Christmas party at Topgolf with 30 teens attending. Throughout the semester, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Mady Mooradian, went weekly to Notre Dame Preparatory High School to be a part of their "Symposium with the YM's" program.

There, she and other youth ministers from around Scottsdale engaged the students with questions concerning faith and morals. Our Lady of Joy is pleased to continue their partnership with ND?.

Spring 2026

In January 2026, we welcomed our new Youth Minister, Ethan Bowers. We kicked off the Spring semester of Life Teen with a game night in the Teen Center. The overarching topic of the Spring for Life Teen was Virtue. First, we delved into the Theological Virtues and discussed how by living them out we are able to come not only to a deeper happiness on earth but also a deeper relationship with God that increases our joy in Heaven as well. We then moved on to the Cardinal Virtues. We discussed how they are able to help us live in peace and community with others as well as ourselves. For EDGE, we followed Salvation History, starting in Genesis with the creation of the world. We discussed key stories from the Old Testament through the lens of the Gospel, culminating in how we see Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Temple and how we can still see aspects of the old Temple in the Mass and in our Churches today. To celebrate the end of the year with Life Teen, we took 15 teens to Sky Zone, a trampoline park in Scottsdale. For Edge, we had the fifth graders join us for Humans vs. Zombie tag.

In March 2026, we took part in the third annual multi-parish retreat alongside 14 other parishes. This year's theme was "REFUGE" and focused on letting ourselves find refuge in Christ. As in years prior, this retreat was held at Camp Ponderosa in Heber, AZ. In total we had 128 teens attend the retreat, 14 of which were from our parish. While there, we were able to experience Christ in Adoration, Mass, Small Groups, and quiet time in nature. We also had a great time rock climbing, playing Gaga ball, and trying to guess, "Where do our youth ministers spend their day off?" in Family Feud.

# OUR LADY'S GUILD

*By Susan Sheahan, Our Lady's Guild President*





Our Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Joy is dedicated to living Catholic values through prayer and action. With a membership of over 180, we are able to support not only our parish community, but our wider community as well. We meet monthly, September through May, to connect with each other, foster new friendships and be engaged by an array of presentations.

Several Guild interest groups offer opportunities for personal growth and social connections including Sister-to-Sister Breakfast Bunch, Book Club, Handbell Class, and Finer Diners. Our Prayer Warriors offer a group Divine Mercy Chaplet service for any Guild sister or her immediate family member who is ill or dying.

Two of our most active groups, Craft Angels and Knit, Crochet, and Pray positively impact our parish and community. Craft Angels has provided homemade bracelets to our youth making their First Communion, students at the San Carlos Reservation, the OLOJ preschool, and others. They have made hundreds of Veteran Scar packets to be distributed by members, as well as to the Hopi Veterans and the Phoenix Veteran's Home, along with hundreds of goodie bags for organizations such as Caring Corp, Foster Alliance, Sanctity of Life, the homebound at San Carlos Reservation,and Saint Vincent DePaul. Additionally, donations of baby supplies were made to Sisters of Life. They also help with the Christmas gift bags for San Carlos and provide rosary rings, prayer squares, and prayer cards at all parish funerals. This year they assembled rosary packets for Legion of Mary, gifts for OCIA candidates, graduating preschoolers. A new charity taken on this year is Gabriel's Angels, a group that takes trained dogs to Title 1 schools while the handlers read with students. Bookmarks were made to take to these students. Finally, All In friends have been regularly attending and making holiday cards (Christmas, Valentine's, Easter, etc.) to give to OLOJ homebound. These are just SOME of the numerous projects they do! Knit, Crochet, and Pray has provided over thousands of prayer squares to our parishioners through first weekend masses, Ministry of Compassion, Ministry of Care, Grief Support, and many other ministries of Our Lady of Joy.





Our Lady's Guild supports our church mission and has provided financial support through the tremendous success of our annual Christmas Bazaar. We have supported other efforts of the church including the Back-to-School drive and the Parish Advent Project, benefiting students of St Charles and St Agnes Catholic Schools. We have also provided desserts for the KOC fish fries and for many special events as requested.



All women of the parish are invited to join us in our fun and fulfilling work!

| GUILD OUTREACH GRANT AWARDS | |
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| Craft Angels | $1,264.56 |
| Prayer Squares Ministry | $649.32 |
| ALL-IN (Caregiver Retreat) | $504.94 |
| Priests, Deacons, Nuns, Staff Gifts | $725.00 |
| OLOJ | $10,341.17 |
| San Carlos | $168.10 |
| Speakers' Charity Donations | $250.00 |
| Welcome Social | $187.80 |
| **TOTAL** | **$14,090.89** |

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*By Mike Dubes, Grand Knight*

Our Lady of Joy Council #11116

## OUR MISSION

Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.

Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 to provide crucial financial support to widows and orphans. Principles of the **Knights of Columbus Council** are **Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.** There are currently over 2.1 million members worldwide who honor Fr. McGivney's example by investing their time, treasure, and talents.

The Knights at Our Lady of Joy are extremely active, involved in every aspect of parish life. Many are Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, lectors, choir members, ushers, and members of various parish committees. Our Pastor, Father Jess and Deacons, Dan and Dennis, are Brother Knights.

Our Knights have currently over 200 Brothers and have been active at OLOJ for over 25 years. Fall and winter are extremely busy times for our Council. We have been sponsoring three blood drives every year for the past eight years. The Knights cook hamburgers and hot dogs to support Our Lady's Guild Christmas Bazaar, a big two-day event with numerous booths attracting people throughout the north valley. Knights are also cooks and servers for the "Breakfast with St Nick" event, in early December, a tremendous family event. Later in December, knights prepare Christmas cards for seminarians and organize and participate in an annual "Bowling with the Seminarians" event. In late December, the Knights and Our Lady's Guild make an annual pilgrimage to St Charles Apache Mission School, delivering coats, presents, and a monetary donation.

The **Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly** was established February 22, 1900, adding a fourth core Knights principle, **Patriotism** – to foster love of country and encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fourth-Degree Sir Knights in uniform, serve as a Visible Honor Guard at wakes and funerals of Sir Knights and for major civic and Church events such as Christ the King Eucharistic Procession and the Arizona Rosary Celebration. In November, our Fourth-Degree Assembly sponsors a "Heroes Among Us" event, a home cooked Italian banquet raising funds for military veteran support organizations and first responders. Every year we've sold out this event. Everything associated with this banquet is managed by the Knights.





For the past few years, generous parishioners and a few Knights have committed $60,000 to St Vincent de Paul, released if matching donations are received from other parishioners and Knights. These commitments and donations were added to income from our Spring "Golf-fore-Charity" event, which 25 years ago raised around $5,000, and in our recent 25th Anniversary year raised nearly $200,000 for St Vincent de Paul and other Knights Charities.

Besides planning for our Golf event, Spring is a busy time with our Lenten Fish dinners. We serve 150 to 240 dinners at each of 6 Fridays during lent. This is not just another opportunity to raise money for charities, the dinners are great social events for our parish.

Throughout the years, Knights have contributed many service hours and financial aid to various charities. We are honored that Fr. Jess will come to the Knights whenever he needs assistance, we are always ready to support Fr. Jess and our church. Needless to say, we are proud of what we do.

| OUR GOOD WORKS 2025-2026 | |
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| Aid to Disabled | $7,000 |
| Catholic Education | $38,000 |
| Culture of Life | $5,000 |
| Family Aid and Food | $92,000 |
| Pro-Life and Women's Center | $23,000 |
| Religious | $25,000 |
| Veterans & First Responders | $25,000 |
| Youth | $6,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **$221,000** |








# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*By Mark Koman, St. Vincent de Paul President*

Poverty is a chronic, 24/7 situation which is why Our Lady of Joy's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is on-call every day of the year. Our members are called Vincentians in honor of our patron St. Vincent de Paul who inspires us to live and abide by the four actions that drive our ministry: FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL

The Society operates on both the Parish and Council level to deliver on the above effort.

What we do: Help our neighbors get back on their feet and back to a good place with their lives. We pay utility bills, provide help with unexpected medical and dental situations, and even help with car repairs, thus ensuring transportation to and from work. Unfortunately, families find themselves in a situation where they can't pay their rent/mortgage for a month or two, usually when they are temporarily out of work. We will pay their rent or mortgage in these cases. Important too is that we pray with them in their home – to encourage them to move forward with our Lord's grace and guidance. Often, we leave them with a Bible, prayer cards, and a rosary. Finally, we provide a list of additional resources that exist at the city, county and state level that may be useful for their family.

We carry out our work through the donations of our generous parishioners. Thank you!



Throughout the year, we conduct food drives and clothing drives. We volunteer at our local thrift store, The Hope Chest. We offer backpacks to needy students filled with essential supplies and a Walmart gift card.

Finally, we contribute to the broader Phoenix Diocese community through aid to select St. Vincent de Paul conferences with needs greater than their parishes' contributions. Our downtown facilities provide meals, water, medical and dental care; and living assistance to the homeless, and the "St. Vincent de Paul Scholarship Fund" affords tuition assistance to "first in family" college students. Many parishioners volunteer at the above centers. Thank you!

Most importantly, we're a Vincentian family who grows together through our Work, our Fellowship, and the Spirituality we put into our meetings. We meet two Fridays a month and always seek and welcome new Vincentians.

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

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| Donations Received: | $190,985 |
| Client Aid Expended: | $106,964 |
| Aid to other Phoenix Conferences: | $82,312 |
| District 11 Dues: | $22,644 |
| St. Vincent De Paul Upper Council Ministries: | $9,000 |
| Operational Expenses: | $4,725 |
| Home and other In-Person Visits: | 58 |
| Number of Clients Served: | 136 |
| Total Hours of Service: | 3,642 |
| Total Miles Driven: | 25,016 |







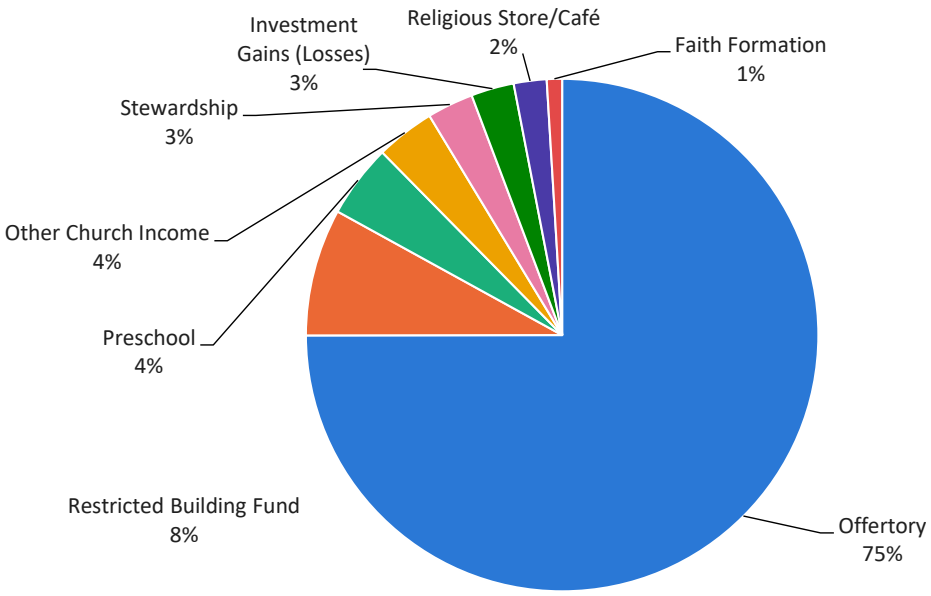


# PARISH INCOME

*By Laura Hicks, Director of Parish Operations*

## Parish Income

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

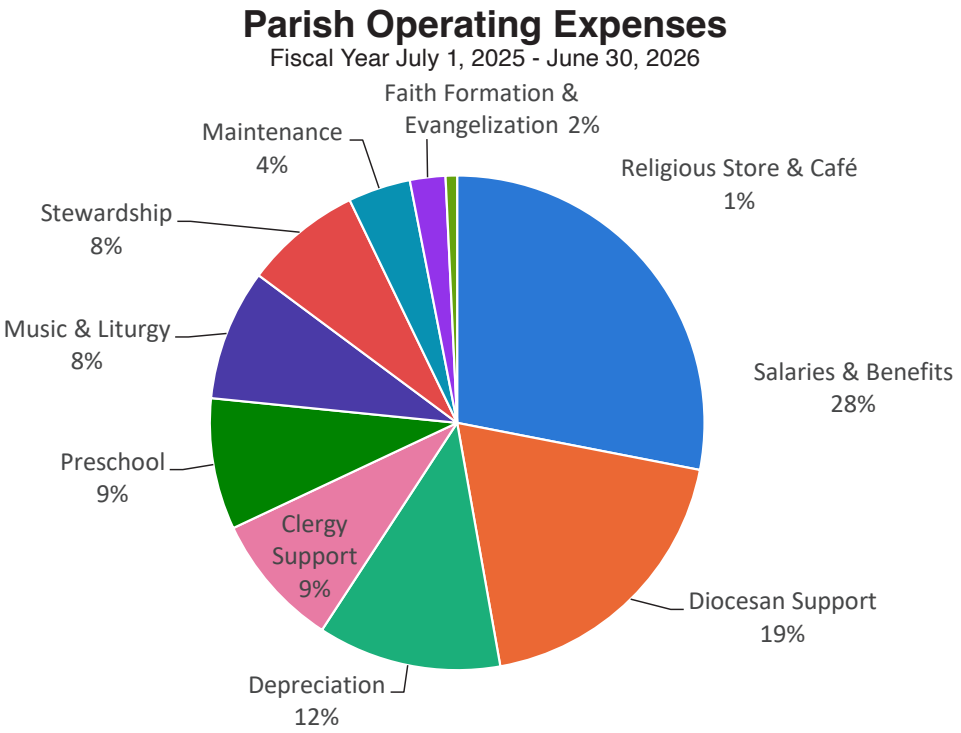



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| Offertory | $2,509,270 |
| Stewardship | $97,763 |
| Faith Formation | $32,099 |
| Religious Store/Café | $69,490 |
| Other Church Income | $123,793 |
| Investment Gains (Losses) | $90,821 |
| Restricted Building Fund | $268,608 |
| Preschool | $154,704 |
| Total Income | $3,346,548 |

From Diocese 2026 EOY Financial Reporting

# PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES

*By Laura Hicks, Director of Parish Operations*




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| Salaries & Benefits | $788,749 |
| Clergy Support | $247,519 |
| Music & Liturgy | $241,166 |
| Diocesan Support | $538,536 |
| Maintenance | $114,800 |
| Administrative | $287,837 |
| Stewardship | $215,745 |
| Faith Formation & Evangelization | $65,282 |
| Religious Store & Café | $21,088 |
| Preschool | $241,525 |
| Total Expenditures | $2,762,247 |
| Depreciation | 337,565.00 |

From Diocese 2026 EOY Financial Reporting



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