



OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PARISH

# Stewardship Report

JULY 2021-JUNE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

“How can I make a return to  
the Lord for all the good  
things he has given me?”

PSALM 116

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# Welcome.

Looking at the world today, it has never been a more important time to be Catholic—and an even more compelling time to be a parishioner at Our Lady of the Wayside. This year our parish commemorates a significant milestone: we are **CELEBRATING 70 YEARS as a PARISH!** We look forward to sharing our exciting plans, including many social and spiritual events, to celebrate this important milestone very soon!

At Our Lady of the Wayside, our mission is to build a nurturing Catholic community through prayer, service, and celebration. We are deeply grateful to the Lord Who blesses us, our priests, and our parish staff with the freedom and grace to receive His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Sacrifice of the Mass every day. And as a community, we strive to respond to this tremendous blessing through our prayer and sacrifices, service through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and growth in the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

This report provides an overview of each element of our parish mission, including parish and school financials, school attendance, the sacraments, and the wonderful ministries that our parish has to offer. We hope that it will give you an idea of the good things that God has given to all of us and inspire you to become involved in the life of our community.

Let us pray and discern God's will for each of us and answer the call to stewardship today!

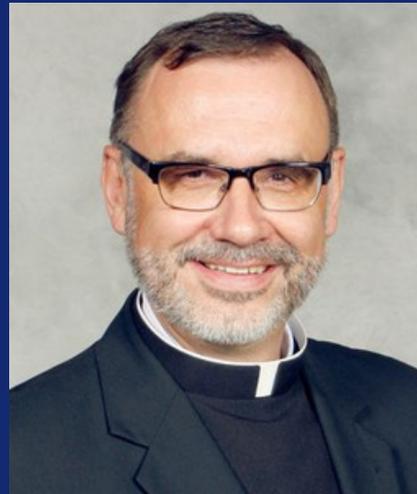
May God bless you and keep you,

Our Lady of the Wayside Parish

## Coming Soon!

OLW 70TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE  
YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS!

STAY TUNED TO THE BULLETIN FOR EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENTS!



# Our Ministries.

At OLW, we have approximately 60 ministries, and they are wonderful ways to connect with others and enrich your spiritual life...**every action we take is a prayer which brings us closer to God while building lifelong friendships with fellow parishioners.**

One of the largest ministries is Christian Family Movement (or CFM) - in fact, **it's the largest in the nation.** CFM is a great way to connect with other families within the Parish to talk about faith, family and living in our modern world as a Catholic. If you haven't heard of CFM, please reach out to Tarah and Jason Sikkenga, Chaircouple ([cfmchair@olwparish.org](mailto:cfmchair@olwparish.org)) for more information about this wonderful ministry that bridges spiritual and social experiences in a fun and meaningful way!

If you want to pray the rosary or learn more about your faith, join the Rosary or Bible Study Ministry.

Other **Adult Ministry** opportunities include SPRED, Respect Life, Bereavement, Hospitality (aka Donut) Ministry...just to name a few. These ministries help connect us daily to our Faith and encourage us to actively live it in our everyday life.

Our **Youth Ministry** keeps teens connected to their faith. Every Sunday evening around 30 high school students participate in Peer Ministry.

**Children's Ministries** include scouting programs, 9:30am Children's Liturgy, Monthly Family Masses, Faith Into Action, Little Saints, and the extremely popular Vacation Bible School.

All of our ministries can be found on the parish website. To learn more, please contact the Parish office or check the bulletin.



# The Sacraments.

Sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, through which Divine life is given. There are seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders.



One of the proudest honors we have as a Parish is to celebrate sacraments with our parishioners in every phase of their lives.

In 2022 we proudly celebrated:

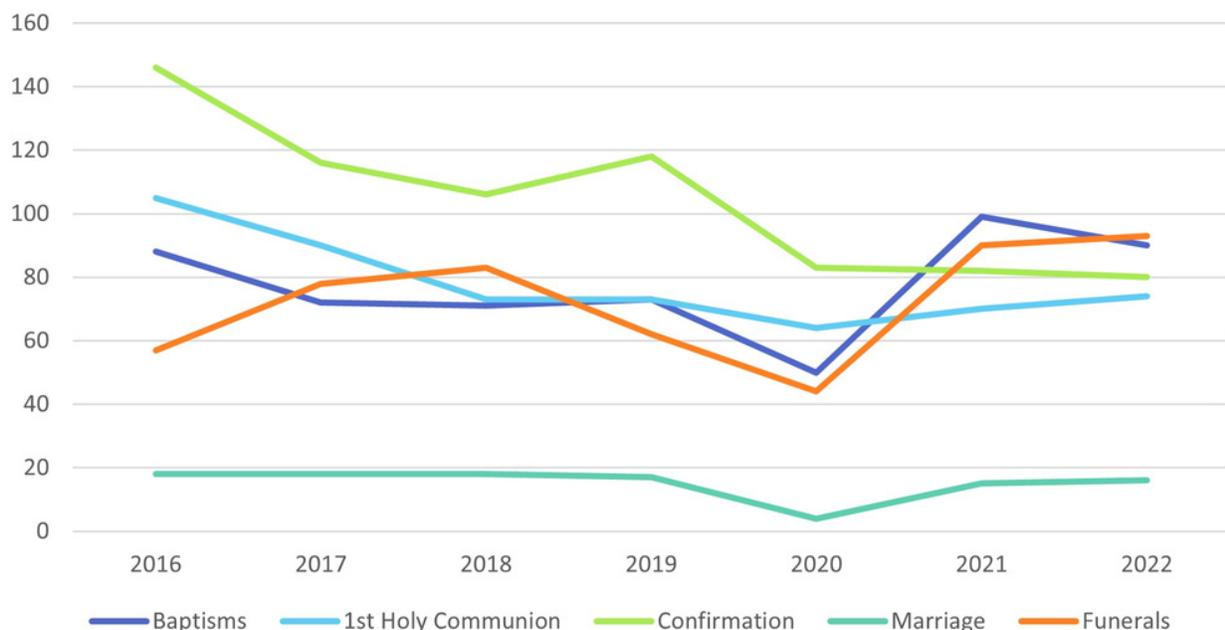
- 90 Baptisms
- 74 First Holy Communions
- 80 Confirmations
- 16 Marriages
- 93 Funerals
- 88 Anointings

These sacraments included four RCIA participants this past Easter season.

Through these special sacramental celebrations, our parish family has grown closer to God and continued to grow together in our Faith.



## Sacraments at OLW



# Our Lady of the Wayside

## Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

### July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

### Financial Report 2021-2022

INCOME	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2021	Fav(Unfav)	Fav(Unfav)
	Church	School	Parish	Parish	\$ Change	% Change
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	1,567,805		1,567,805	1,508,828	58,977	4%
Tuition & Fees	82,914	2,332,486	2,415,400	2,249,825	165,575	7%
Fundraising		179,054	179,054	215,940	(36,886)	(17%)
Interest & Investment Income	16,506		16,506	20,430	(3,924)	(19%)
Sacrament & Mass Donation	80,136		80,136	53,720	26,416	49%
Other Income/Donations		23,400	23,400	0	23,400	100%
TOTAL INCOME	1,747,361	2,534,940	4,282,301	4,048,743	233,558	6%
EXPENSES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2021	Fav(Unfav)	Fav(Unfav)
	Church	School	Parish	Parish	\$ Change	% Change
Personnel ( <i>Salaries/Benefits</i> )	898,960	2,268,655	3,167,615	3,100,270	(67,345)	(2%)
Operating & Office Expenses	227,051	298,143	525,194	461,266	(63,928)	(14%)
Utilities	58,198	75,703	133,901	138,177	4,276	3%
Facility & Ground Maintenance	103,641	100,633	204,274	214,403	10,129	5%
Furnishings & Other Equipment	39,140	4,364	43,504	75,386	31,882	42%
Archdiocesan Assessment	185,926	18,642	204,568	198,047	(6,521)	(3%)
Priest Retirement Assessment	65,074		65,074	65,074	0	0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,577,990	2,766,140	4,344,130	4,252,623	(91,476)	(2%)
Parish Support to School		\$231,200	\$231,200	\$222,993		
NET OPERATING INCOME	169,371	(231,200)	(61,829)	(203,880)	142,082	70%
Forgiven PPP Loan			438,320	642,200		
NET INCOME			376,491	438,320		

FY22 saw a 4% increase in Sunday and Holy Day Offertory, however, **our collections did not, and still have not, returned to pre-COVID levels, but our worship and parish expenses have. Fiscal year 2021-2022 ended with a \$61,829 deficit due to the increase in expenses. This creates a need to ask parishioners to prayerfully consider increasing their weekly donations.**

Sacrament and Mass intention donations increased 50% when restrictions began to lift and our parishioners were able to resume planning their weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Tuition & Fees and Fundraising amounts have significant changes due to allocating around \$40k from Fundraising to Fees. In the past, family fees were allocated into Fundraising, which is now corrected and allocated into the Tuition & Fees account.

# Parish Operations and Financial Highlights, Continued:

- We built a relationship with Galileo Camps which now generates rental income from our facilities in the summer.
- In addition, we were blessed by a few very generous donors who contributed to the school operational budget and to special parish projects. Thank you for your continuous support!
- Operating & Office Expenses grew due to increased parish activity, as ministries revived and general support expenses resumed. Parishioners returned to Mass in our Church which increased liturgical costs. Ministries ramped up, and in-person meetings and social events resumed. A 20% increase in property casualty insurance and an increase in books and supply orders were major contributing factors to the overall 14% increase.
- Furnishings & Other Equipment significantly decreased when compared to FY21. Capital expenditures were lower as those expenses were completed the prior year.
- **Overall, we were able to decrease our deficit when compared to FY21.** Thankfully, the PPP loans that the parish and school received provided a cushion and we were able to cover our deficit without decreasing our parish savings. These funds will continue to help us operate during the current year.
- Our parish believes in a strong, viable Catholic School and Religious Education Program which **teaches hundreds of children year after year** and provides a strong foundation of Catholic values and beliefs. **We continue to strongly support the school with capital improvements, financial investments** and administration by working closely with the various boards and associations. **Our School is the largest ministry of OLV Parish.**

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OLW parish continues to achieve financial stability and remains DEBT FREE, with a strong foundation to thrive in years to come. However, we continue to evaluate our budget and operations to reduce costs where we can, but it won't be enough to offset the offertory decrease. **We humbly request all parishioners to prayerfully consider modestly increasing their offertory giving, to help balance the operating budget.**

Call to Action

# Giving at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish.

## GIVING WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY GOES BEYOND JUST DOLLARS.

While Our Lady of the Wayside's two largest events (Raffle and Annual Gala) provide considerable revenue to the Parish and School, OLW parishioners give much of themselves as well.

For example,

- The St. Mark's Ministry sponsors a monthly food drive, the second Sunday of every month, to benefit the Food Pantry at our sharing parish. We routinely deliver six SUV's filled with food to St. Mark's each month.
- The St. Vincent DePaul Ministry hosts an annual 5K Run & Walk to promote community and raise funds for those in need of life's basic necessities.



## Major Fundraising Efforts

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Event	Funds Raised	Funds Distributed	Net Funds
Gift Card Program	\$79,226	\$70,654	\$8,572
FSA Contribution to School Budget	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0
OLW School Fundraisers	\$8,319	\$8,319	\$0
Annual Fund	\$35,913	\$35,913	\$0
Gloria Rebek Scholarship Fund	\$29,980	\$2,952	\$27,028
OLW School Endowment Donations	\$43,387	\$36,000	\$7,387
OLW School Endowment Gains/Losses of Fund	\$6,788	\$0	\$6,788
Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship	\$111,257	\$111,257	\$0



# Offertory Collections

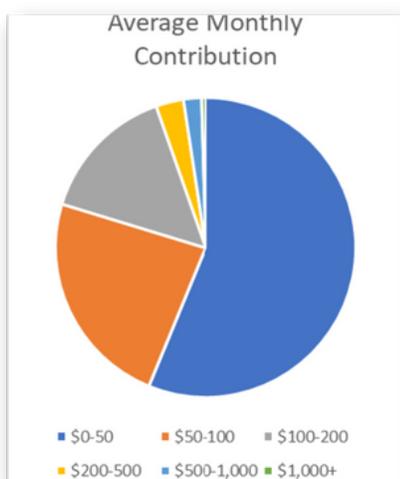
Total Registered Families at OLW Parish: 2,783

Total Active Families that donate annually: 907

Parish Offertory Collections are down over \$200,000 annually since FY19 (pre-pandemic).

## If you are a Registered Family and you are not regularly contributing:

Please prayerfully consider adding or reinstating a weekly offertory donation to help Our Lady of the Wayside Parish continue to be financially sound and able to provide support to our parish ministries.



## Are you one of the 907?

Call to Action

If the 907 families that actively give in the offertory increased their annual giving by \$400 – OLW would be able to balance the operating budget.

**This is an increase of just \$8 per week**

## Online Giving

Many parishioners have registered for automated, online giving through **GiveCentral**. Making regularly scheduled contributions is similar to how many pay household bills online.

GiveCentral allows you to easily contribute using a bank account, credit card or debit card. You can automate the frequency of your offertory contributions – weekly or monthly – and you can adjust your contributions as needed.

You can also set up donations for second collections, holidays and other giving opportunities, such as the School Endowment Fund, Rebek Scholarship Fund, Parish capital improvements, or to a General Fund to help balance the budget.

The **benefit of online giving to YOU** is that you know you are consistently supporting the parish, even on the weeks you can't make it to Mass at OLW.

The **benefit to the parish** is the ease of receiving your contribution and the predictability of cash flow.

To sign up for GiveCentral, visit [olwparish.org](http://olwparish.org) and click on Give Online OR scan this QR Code:



Once you do, set a yearly reminder to reconsider your contributions and to see if you are in a position to increase annually.

# Our School.

ENRICHING MINDS.  
FOSTERING FAITH.  
EXPANDING TALENTS.

"The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students, so that they may be true to their condition as Christ's disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society."

— St. John Paul II

For almost 70 years, Our Lady of the Wayside School has provided students with an academically excellent education grounded in Catholic faith formation. OLW partners with its families to achieve the mission of enriching minds, fostering faith and expanding talents for each and every student. In turn, the school contributes to the vibrancy of Our Lady of the Wayside parish as students and their families support and participate in many aspects of parish community life.



School families value the Catholic education that our school provides; they appreciate the small class size, caring teachers and welcoming parent community.

The benefits and impact of receiving a faith-based, academically-rich education extends well beyond the hallways of Wayside. OLW alumni consistently excel both inside and outside the classroom — in high school and beyond — and continue the OLW tradition of serving others through a commitment to community service. Today's Wayside student becomes tomorrow's leader in faith, academics and service to others.



## There are so many ways in which OLW students grow:

- Strong academics
- Religion taught every day
- Weekly Mass that is student focused
- Buddy Program
- Sports
- Theatre, Band and Choir
- Robotics
- Scouting
- Scholastic Bowl, Student Council, Yearbook
- CORE

# Our Lady of the Wayside School Funds.

Our school is the largest ministry of the parish. Families pay tuition and fees, but these do not cover the actual cost of educating an OLW student. The Parish's investment in the school allows it to set competitive and reasonable tuition rates.

In addition to the investment from the parish, the school relies on fundraising efforts and donations from current and former parents, alumni, parishioners, family and friends, and community partners.

The **Annual Fund** is an unrestricted fund that supports the school in its immediate needs. This includes the school counselor, curriculum coordinator, teacher stipends & reimbursements for classroom supplies, and student activities and club fees. Fundraising by our Family School Association (FSA) contributes to this fund, and the school relies on an annual contribution of over \$130,000 to ensure the above programs are always present.

Other fundraising for the Annual Fund comes from our Annual Alumni appeal, #GivingTuesday, matching donations, and from directed donations throughout the year.

Established in 1999, our **Endowment Fund** perpetuates, partially supports, and upholds the educational work of the School. Many alumni parents support the Endowment Fund because they understand the long-term benefits of securing OLW's future. This is a restricted fund, and only interest income can be used. Recently, the Endowment Fund disbursed funds to buy 11 SMARTBoards and to support 5 students on scholarship.

The **Gloria Rebek Scholarship Fund** assists families who require immediate or ongoing tuition assistance. You can support the Rebek Fund during two specific second collections, by making ongoing donations through GiveCentral, or by designating your donation.

## How can parishioners help support OLW School?

1. **Participate in FSA Fundraisers**
  - Events, Supper Club, Gift Card Rebate Program, Book Fair
2. **Donate during the #GivingTuesday Campaign**
3. **Take advantage of the Tax Credit Scholarship Program**
4. **Contribute to the Rebek Scholarship Fund second collections**
5. **Make a directed donation for capital improvements or curriculum needs**

**Find out more at [olwschool.org](http://olwschool.org).**

For the past five years, the **IL Invest In Kids Tax Credit Scholarship (TCS) Program** has made it possible for an average of 19 students to attend OLW each year. The TCS Program provides a 75% Illinois state income tax credit – not just a deduction – to individuals who contribute money to Empower Illinois, a non-profit Scholarship Granting Organization. You can reduce your state income tax liability and know that your money is being designated for OLW students, rather than the state.

Please visit [olwschool.org](http://olwschool.org) > Support OLW to see all the ways you can help keep our school going. For questions, please contact our school principal, David Wood, at [dwood@olwschool.org](mailto:dwood@olwschool.org), or Danielle Kenney at [dkenney@olwschool.org](mailto:dkenney@olwschool.org).





# OLW CELEBRATES 70 Years!

Under the guiding leadership of longtime parishioner, Mike Nolan, an inspired team of volunteers is currently planning a yearlong CELEBRATION of Our Lady of the Wayside's 70th Anniversary! We encourage everyone to get involved and CELEBRATE! To volunteer, please email [Celebrate70@olwparish.org](mailto:Celebrate70@olwparish.org).



## Celebrate 70! Cornerstone Events:

- Mass with Cardinal Cupich at OLW
- All Parish Family Picnic
- Oktoberfest
- OLW Parade Float in Arlington Heights Parade
- Pastor's Masters Golf Outing
- All-Parish Mission with 70 Hours of Adoration
- SPRED Hosted Mass