



Mary, Mother of God  
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# Parish Annual Report 2022-2023

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Dear Parishioners of Mary, Mother of God Parish,

May God give you peace! I am pleased to present to you our Parish Annual Report, covering all three of our worship sites and spanning the last fiscal year (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023).

Our ministries thrive. This year, we hosted over 20 community-building events like Tastes of Summer, the St. Thomas of Canterbury Rosary Walk, and Open House Chicago. We also celebrated dozens of festivities and devotions from around the world, like *Santa Cruzan*, *La Virgen de Caridad de Cobre*, and the *Transitus* of St. Francis.

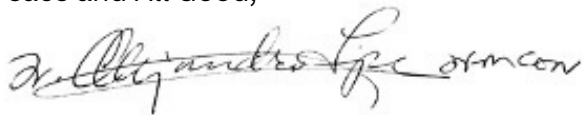
Our ministries continue growing. In October, the Food Pantry at St. Thomas of Canterbury returned to a parish-led operation. John Ceisel, a friend of the parish, has been serving as our volunteer, interim manager while we look for a candidate to take over the role full time. Please pray that God sends us the right person! We are grateful for his dedication, energy, and sacrifice. Thank you, John!

In the North Side Catholic Community, the parish has become a place of learning, wonder, and catechesis. Our cultural center, St. Gregory's Hall, promotes Catholic culture to a wide audience through sacred art and music, theology and social teaching. Scholars and artists inspire us by sharing their gifts, hosting workshops, courses, concerts, roundtables discussions, and more!

Lastly, I want to offer thanks. So many of you have reached out to welcome me and the other new friars. Personally, you have made my transition back to the US such a beautiful and gifted time. I also extend gratitude to the members of our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Parish Staff, the cantors, choirs and musicians and their leaders, and the many other volunteers who support Mary, Mother of God Parish. Your faith, loyalty, and generosity make our parish culturally and spiritually rich. You help us to become a "city set on a hill that cannot be hidden," shining light out to the whole neighborhood (Matthew 5:14). I feel so very blessed to be a part of it!

As you read the report, if you have any questions, please contact the Parish office at 773-561-5343. May the peace of the Lord – through the intercession of Saints Ita, Thomas of Canterbury, Gregory the Great, and Francis of Assisi – be upon you.

Peace and All Good,



Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv.  
Mary, Mother of God Parish, Pastor



## PEOPLE

2,714

Registered  
Parishioners

4,157

Unregistered  
Parishioners

50+

Languages  
Spoken

7716

Guests Served at  
the Soup Kitchen

5,039

Individuals Served  
at the Food Pantry



## EDUCATION

# 16

Attending RCIA  
or RICA

# 111

Students in the  
Religious Education  
Program

# 67

Students in  
Catechesis of  
the Good Sheperd

## Parish Finances

Mary, Mother of God Parish ended the fiscal year with an Ordinary Operating Loss of \$354,289. This means that Ordinary Income failed to cover Ordinary Operating Expense.

Ordinary Income and Expense	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
<b>Ordinary Income</b>		
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$726,076	\$722,261
<b>Other Collections:</b>		
Christmas	72,034	57,508
Easter	36,143	31,550
Utilities, Flowers, School, Maintenance & Miscellaneous	82,309	78,619
Religious Education Tuition and Fees	23,257	13,185
Lease & Rental	864,490	824,947
Fundraising-Net*	35,275	30,594
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Interest and Investments	25,228	1,737
Stole Fees & Stipends for Mass Intensions	62,156	64,064
Votive and Vigil Candles	33,396	22,568
Donations	3,807	14,730
St. Gregory's Hall	12,841	24,980
Outreach Ministries	142,601	144,521
Auxiliary Groups-Net*	-13,062	29,756
<b>Total Ordinary Income</b>	<b>2,106,552</b>	<b>2,061,020</b>

\*Net accounts combine both income and expenses within the same account.

Ordinary Income increased by \$45,532. Lease & Rental Income grew by \$39,543. All other sources of income netted an additional \$5,989. Note: Lease & Rental Income is the largest source of Parish revenue. Expenses, however, also grew.

Ordinary Expense	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Salaries, Benefits, FICA, Professional/Ministerial Growth	1,235,711	1,024,075
Utilities (Phone, Electricity, Heat, Cable, Internet, Water/Sewer)	292,705	335,012
Maintenance, Building/Equipment Repairs & Services, Janitorial	320,654	319,375
Administrative, Furnishings & Equipment	65,928	82,219
Food Service & Meals	57,573	36,736
Transportation (Parking, Gas & Food Rescue Ministry)	23,345	4,407
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	52,351	62,175
Books & Other Supplies	5,936	4,382
Property & Casualty, Priests' Auto	195,642	192,638
Archdiocesan Assessments	177,456	200,352
Other (such as Ministry Formation, Hospitality, Speakers, & PR)	33,540	42,233
<b>Total Ordinary Expense</b>	<b>2,460,841</b>	<b>2,303,605</b>
<b>Ordinary Net Operating Loss</b>	<b>-354,289</b>	<b>-242,585</b>

Ordinary Expense increased by \$157,236. The increase in Salary, Benefits expenses, and FICA (reflects raises, higher health insurance and fringe benefits costs, and different staffing configurations) was partially offset by a net reduction of all other expenses combined, aided particularly by lower Utilities expense and Archdiocesan Assessments.



## SACRAMENTS

87

Baptisms

32

First  
Communion

43

Confirmations

17

Weddings

Extraordinary Income and Expense	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
<b>Extraordinary Income</b>		
Estates, Bequests, & Memorials	23,725	973,630
Sharing Parish Funds	30,182	35,032
Archdiocesan Required Collections	34,194	30,604
Grants, Other Collections, and Other Income	142,257	190,860
Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate	89,579	57,806
To Teach Who Christ Is	6,246	22,545
Church Building Fund	101,468	81,004
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>	<b>427,650</b>	<b>1,391,480</b>
<b>Extraordinary Expense</b>		
Insurance Deductible	1,000	0
Payment of Archdiocesan Required Collections	34,194	30,604
Capital Improvements	324,195	572,408
Other Extraordinary Expenses	14,319	28,561
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenses</b>	<b>373,708</b>	<b>631,573</b>
<b>Net Extraordinary Income</b>	<b>53,943</b>	<b>759,908</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-300,347</b>	<b>517,323</b>

Net Extraordinary Income was impacted by lower Estates, Bequests, & Memorials Income. In addition, the Parish spent less money on Capital Improvements expenses, while still making progress on its Capital Project Plan.

Capital Projects completed this past fiscal year include Soup Kitchen Furnishings; Ita Sound and Live Streaming System; Ita Ciller/Compressor Component Project; St. Thomas of Canterbury School Mural; Ita Church Bell System Replacement; St. Thomas of Canterbury School Heating System Component; and St. Gregory the Great Parish Center & Gym Wi-Fi System.

All financial obligations were met – with the help of funds from savings and extraordinary income. Just as with your own household, financial soundness requires that parish income must cover its expenses. This report shows that monies received from weekly Mass collections, mailed-in envelopes, and electronic giving do not pay for all our regular expenses (like payroll, utilities, and maintenance) that keep the parish running. In the coming months, we'll introduce additional opportunities to make giving even easier. Thank you for your past generosity and on-going support.

Fiscal yearend balances held in our checking and savings, and investment accounts follow. There is no debt.

Balance Sheet Highlights	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Cash	975,216	1,281,428
Archdiocesan Savings	1,603,776	1,796,329
Long-Term Restrictive Savings	302,361	183,770
Endowment & Investments	1,489,506	1,483,818
Accounts Receivable	162,476	0
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>4,533,335</b>	<b>4,745,345</b>