



# St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

## State of the Parish 2023-24

Although there have been some significant changes in our parish community over the past fiscal year, what follows is just some of the many ways that God has been at work.

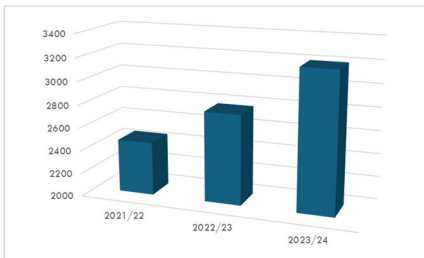
As we look back over the past year, may this be an opportunity to thank God for all He has done.

—Fr. Kyle Kilpatrick



## Parish Outcomes

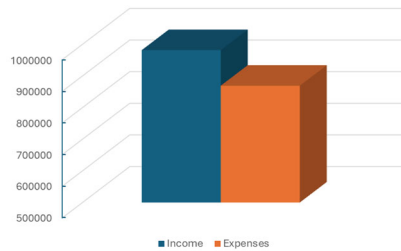
### worship



#### Mass Attendance Increased 15%

2021/22: 2,460  
2022/23: 2,778  
2023/24: 3,203

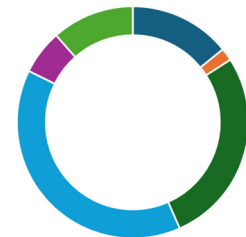
### stewardship



#### Solid Finances

Income: **\$981,611**  
Expenses: **\$868,550**  
Net Income: **\$113,061**

### sacraments

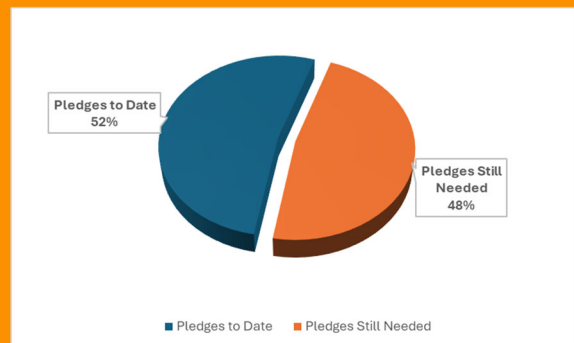


Baptisms	16
RCIA	2
Confirmations	31
Holy Communion	44
Weddings	7
Funerals	13

## Strategic Plan Highlights

- ✓ Strong pledges toward three year strategic goal.
- ✓ 97 parishioners contributed so far.
- ✓ \$629,067 (over 50%!) pledged to date.
- ✓ Crown repair work commenced
- ✓ Multi-phased assembly of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium started.

Our goal remains 100% parish participation—your prayers and support are critical. Please visit our website to pledge your prayer, volunteer support or financial gift.





# 2023/2024 Parish Milestones

## Worship

- Celebrated Final Mass for Our Lady of Grace (OLG) Parish—Hundreds attended After Party
- Engaged Parish in Advent Eucharistic Adoration
- Organized Advent parish mission with Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena and nightly meals in Lourdes Hall
- Hundreds attended the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass and Celebration.
- Parish participated in the Stations of the Cross and Via Crucis during Lent.
- Many participated in Lenten Eucharistic Adoration.
- Initiated Monthly Holy Hours for the Hispanic Community on First Thursdays.
- Hundreds from St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parishes attended Corpus Christi procession, Mass, and outdoor celebration supported by both English speaking and Spanish Speaking Councils of Knights of Columbus!
- The parish celebrated St. Patrick's Day Mass and massive Feast Day Celebration after party.

## Evangelization and Discipleship

- Supported and formed three Exodus 90 men's groups.
- Hired Liz Markovicz as Director of Discipleship and Evangelization.
- Held "Tacos and Theology" young adult events.
- Commenced monthly Saint Mary's women's group
- Hosted a men's discernment house for one year.
- Hosted Natural Family Planning Classes
- Spanish speaking men's group begins
- Women's discipleship group begins
- Spring youth retreat held with two fellow parishes
- Theology on Tap began with speakers: Thomas Eggleston, Adam Bartlett and Fr. Nick Monco.

## Charity and Outreach

- Knights of Columbus hosts "Coats for Kids" event in Lourdes Hall.
- Thirty five (35) Thanksgiving food baskets assembled and distributed.
- Baby Shower celebrated to support Baby Pantry
- Thirty two (32) Christmas food baskets/gifts assembled and given out.
- Parish members participated in the Michigan March for Life
- The St. Mary's Food Pantry served over 750 families responding to the growing need. amounts to over 1,090 adults served and over 470 children served with groceries)
- Sponsored a record sixty two students at Muskegon Catholic.
- Over \$13,800 given in contributions to parish and local charity.

## Community Building

- Organized successful Parish Fall Cleanup.
- Started Young Adult Trivia Nights at Hennessy's.
- Held First Blessing of the Bikes last summer
- Family nights held in Lourdes Hall
- Welcome party for new parishioners transitioning from Our Lady of Grace and Sacred Heart Parishes.
- Parish Date Night held on rectory lawn
- Volunteers completed a Parish Spring Cleanup
- Started Summer Pickup soccer for parish youth at Muskegon Catholic.

## Preparing for the Future

- Installed new and improved audio speakers in Sanctuary.
- Completed Feasibility Study for our Strategic Plan with the help of the Breton Group and a study committee
- Initiation of Parish Strategic Plan at Easter
- Deacon Matthew Dugener Ordained and Installed as Permanent Deacon.
- Jeffrey Ostrowski hired as Director of Sacred Music.
- Work began to assemble Atrium and new catechists for CGS
- Mary's Crown repair work begins as result of Strategic Plan