

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FISCAL 2022

**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you
have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.**

Hebrews 13:16

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PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION

Dear Divine Mercy Parishioners,
I want to thank you for your faithfulness and spirit of service to the broader world. I am inspired by your devotion to your faith and your mission of helping others who are less fortunate. I am always grateful for your financial support of Divine Mercy Parish as we live out our vision.

Additional thanks to the Senior Leadership Team and our Finance Council, who work to keep our parish moving forward as we implement our vision of renewal and revitalization.

Senior Leadership Team Members **FY22/** **FY23:**

Fr. Steven Lanza, Pastor
Kathleen Clarke
Judy Pyke
Patty Sanfilippo
Cathy Stegich
Michelle Wasielewski



Finance Council Members **FY22/23:**

Fr. Steve Lanza, Pastor
Gerry Schroeder, Chair
Cindy Atsaves, Director of Finance
Terry Brennan
Tim Castellini
Tim Drehkoff
Mary Ann Martin
Michelle Wasielewski, Director of Operations

At the end of FY 2022, we bid a fond farewell to Fr. Dan Cassidy, our resident priest for the past several years. We are grateful for the many gifts that Fr. Dan shared with us.



In addition, we welcomed two retired priests to live at Divine Mercy. Fr. Bob Heinz lives at the Sacred Heart rectory and is a frequent presider at Mass at both of our churches. Fr. Ken Kiepora lives at the St. Philip rectory during the warmer months (when he's not at his home in sunny Florida) and helps out with Mass. We are blessed by the presence of Fr. Bob and Fr. Ken. Their assistance is a significant help to our parish community.

May God bless you and keep you.

THE WAY FORWARD: OUR FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

During the past year, you have likely read or heard about the Divine Mercy Strategic Planning process and the significant effort that has been expended toward refining our plan and putting it into action. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the strategic plan, which is available on our website [here](#).

Equally as important, we welcome you to consider where you can see yourself playing an active role in moving our plan forward. As with any effort of this magnitude, we need to come together as a parish to live out our vision:

"Divine Mercy Parish is a welcoming community that inspires disciples of Jesus to share God's love and transform the world."

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can Welcome, Inspire, Share and Transform the World!

FY 2021-FY 2022 Parish Council who helped draft our Strategic Plan:

Father Steve Lanza, Pastor
Kathleen Clarke, Chair
Tom Borders
Dona Carroll
Jim Dietz
Sam Fifer
Liz Harvey
Judy Pyke
Patty Sanfilippo
Susan Seeberg
Cathy Stegich
Michelle Wasielewski



OUR LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

In September 2022, Divine Mercy hosted its first-ever "Leadership Summit," with the objective of the members of our various councils and boards having an opportunity to get to know each other, share in a meaningful spiritual reflection experience and discern ways in which each council and board can further our parish vision and strategic plan.

As pastor, Father Steve, consults with the Senior Leadership Team to develop tactics, the parish Council to develop high-level objectives and measurements that help achieve our vision and the finance council to determine funding strategies and spending priorities.

In addition, the following boards are essential to ensuring that lay leadership in the parish is fully engaged and serving

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an effective role in supporting our efforts:

- Sacred Heart School Board
- Children's Ministry Board
- Evangelization Board
- Outreach Board
- Liturgy Board
- Communications Board
- School Endowment Board

SACRAMENTS

During fiscal 2022, we celebrated the following sacraments and liturgies across both church sites, in addition to our regular Mass schedule:

Infant Baptisms	43
Adult Baptisms	5
First Eucharist	48*
Confirmation	48*
Funerals	20
Weddings	5

*including 5 adults



NOTABLE FY 2022 EVENTS

We improved our communication channels with our parishioners:

- Launched a new combined weekly worship aid/bulletin that includes commentary and background information on the liturgy, as well as relevant information that parishioners need to know on a timely basis, e.g., Mass intentions, presider schedule, lists of the sick and deceased.
- Focused increased efforts on our daily e-blast to reach more parishioners.
- Created a new monthly newsletter entitled *Connections* that shares stories of faith and inspiration from around the parish, which we hope will help connect parishioners.

We filled two key "director" positions on parish staff:

- **Patty Sanfilippo** is our Director of Evangelization and Lifelong Formation.
- **Liz McGowen** serves as our Director of Pastoral Care, Outreach and Events.

We received complete forgiveness of 2nd round PPP loans for both the parish and school.



BUILDING PROJECTS

We completed a number of building projects, many of which are capital projects, at both of our campuses. They include the following.

Sacred Heart Campus

- ◆ Replacement of boilers in the parish office building;
- ◆ Replacement; refinishing of windows, and painting throughout the parish office and gathering space;
- ◆ Replacement of air conditioning compressor in the parish center;
- ◆ Reset of outdoor lighting bollards and conversion to LED lighting at the parish center;
- ◆ Installation of bird netting at the parish center;
- ◆ Replacement of bird netting on the church bell tower;
- ◆ Creation of a new conference room/kitchenette on the second floor of the parish office building;
- ◆ Installation of motion-activated light switches, as well as touchless faucets, paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers, and baby changing tables in various bathrooms;
- ◆ Installation of a gate and new fence (partial) at the rear of the school;
- ◆ Remodeling of parish office kitchen
- ◆ Installation of new carpet in parish office;
- ◆ Repair of exterior steps at the parish center and the rectory;
- ◆ Installation of new lighting in the Fireplace Room;
- ◆ Tuck-pointing school chimney;
- ◆ Replacement of school bathroom partitions.;
- ◆ Replacement of grades 1-5 classroom furnishings (desks, chairs and tables); and
- ◆ Renovated school administrative offices.

St. Philip the Apostle Campus:

- ◆ Installation of new natural gas lines throughout the entire campus;
- ◆ Stucco demolition and tuck-pointing of exterior façade and chimney at the Hyde Park Day School building;
- ◆ Repair of church air conditioning
- ◆ Removal of seven dead trees from parish property and installation of new fencing near the creek;
- ◆ Repair/replacement of various exterior lighting fixtures;
- ◆ Replacement of hot water heater at Hyde Park Day school;
- ◆ Repair of rectory and garage roofing and eaves
- ◆ Installation of new boiler burner unit at Hyde Park Day School;
- ◆ Installation of touchless paper towel dispensers at Hyde Park Day School;
- ◆ Installation of new church balcony door; and the
- ◆ Replacement of heating controls in convent.

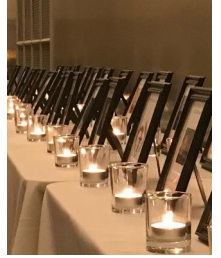
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OUTREACH EFFORTS

Our outreach efforts focus on involving parishioners in meaningful service to share God's love:

- The parish launched Uncle Pete's Ministry in April 2022, and delivered 900 sack dinners to the less fortunate by July 1, 2022.
- Although A Just Harvest's dining room remained closed, parishioners volunteered regularly to help with food deliveries. The parish also conducted an emergency food pantry drive for A Just Harvest in May 2022.
- Monthly Hunger Hero donations continued to provide regular monthly donations for the New Trier and Northfield food pantries.
- Divine Mercy parish continued to build community with our sharing parishes St. Moses the Black and St. Benedict the African.
- A group of tutors carpooled to Tolton Academy during the school year, as pandemic restrictions permitted, to share their time and talents with students.
- The day before Thanksgiving and the Wednesday before Christmas at the St. Moses the Black food pantry engaged many parish families in service.
- The annual Christmas Sharing drive garnered \$14,020 in gift cards for distribution to our sharing parishes.



PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care efforts shared God's love with those within our parish and our immediate community.

- Most visits by Ministers of Care were still limited due to pandemic restrictions, although the team lovingly provided Holy Communion to those who were not in nursing homes or facilities.
- Prayers and support for the sick provided an important connection between our parish and those who are ill or who are caring for a family member.
- Our annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance enabled us to honor the departed loved ones of Divine Mercy parishioners.



EVENTS

Divine Mercy continued to approach events cautiously given covid concerns. The parish hosted an outdoor Fall Celebration in September to gather parishioners together in a fun, safe way, but other large indoor events were not held. Instead, we focused our efforts on supporting hospitality after Mass and growing the community of those participating in the Alpha Course. One of the highlights of the year was a well-attended and successful Alpha reunion on June 2, 2012.

EVANGELIZATION EFFORTS

Year #1 of the Divine Mercy Strategic Plan focuses on Evangelization with four main areas of focus:

- ◆ The Alpha Experience
- ◆ Engage Post-Alpha participants in faith sharing and community experiences
- ◆ Parishioner Testimonials
- ◆ Promote why the "Good News" is good through an influencer program



ALPHA

Alpha continues to draw participants within and beyond the parish. Our goal is to expand participation in Alpha. To date, approximately 200 people have participated in Alpha. Our Alpha team is highly motivated to invite new people into the Alpha experience to encounter Jesus in a new, living and communal way.

AFTER ALPHA EXPERIENCES

Our goal is to keep people engaged and connected post-Alpha. We offered opportunities for small group reflection in-person and online during Advent and Lent this past year. In addition, there are several "organic" small faith-sharing Connect groups that have formed post-Alpha that meet on a regular basis. Other faith formation opportunities continue: Weekly Adoration at both campuses, daily online rosary, Bible Study with Father John Kartje which attracts approximately 40 participants every other week. We continued to work with our neighboring parishes to offer several successful adult formation events both in-person and online.

TESTIMONIALS/ INFLUENCER PROGRAM

Parishioners at both worship sites offered personal reflections on their Alpha experience prior to Alpha enrollments. Consistent feedback included: compelling and thought-provoking videos, an opportunity to connect with people on a different level and share our relationship, or to discover a relationship with the living Christ. The new Connections newsletter allowed parishioners to learn more about the faith journeys of fellow parishioners on a deeper level.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry has experienced an influx of new families and welcomed nearly 250 children in our ministry (along with their very engaged parents). Here are some highlights:

- 28 Catechists;
- 18 Teen Aides;
- 148 Families;
- 32 8th graders were confirmed in 2022; there are 32 for 2023; and
- 35 children received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2022; there will be 45 for 2023.
- Family masses continue to fill the church with typically more than 450 attending.
- Grade level masses scheduled for each age group have successfully grown participation and drawn children into liturgy.
- Children's Ministry families participate through greeting, gift bearing, and reading at Mass, and extend a warm and welcoming presence with lots of donuts after Mass.
- Children are highly involved in service and recognize that it is an important way to live out their faith. Some successes include:
 - ◇ 30 moving boxes of shoes were sorted and boxed by 8th graders and donated to Share your Soles charity;
 - ◇ Christmas caroling at North Shore Place;
 - ◇ Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, which raised more than \$1,500 for the St. Moses the Black Food Pantry to buy turkeys; and
 - ◇ Partnered with Kolbe House Jail Ministry and created Christmas cards for the imprisoned and "welcoming hands" for those reentering society.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

ACADEMICS

Sacred Heart School continues to have excellence in education post pandemic as is shown in our statistics as compared to local school district scores. Our students achieved a 93 national percentile in math and a 92 national percentile in reading.

NITELITES

Sacred Heart returned to its traditions of amazing community gatherings. The NiteLites theme was 'Boots and Bling' and raised a record amount of money which helped to fund some facility upgrades, (renewed office facelift, new elementary classroom furniture), and gave a boost to our playground fund. We were able to name the primary hallway Wettersten Way after a well-loved, long-term teacher.

FINANCES

Sacred Heart ran true to its budget last year and remained well-funded even in the pandemic. Tuition and fundraising were solid sources of income, as well as the appropriate use of the PPP money. No school subsidy was needed from the parish in the 21-22 school year because of those PPP funds.

ROOT BELIEFS

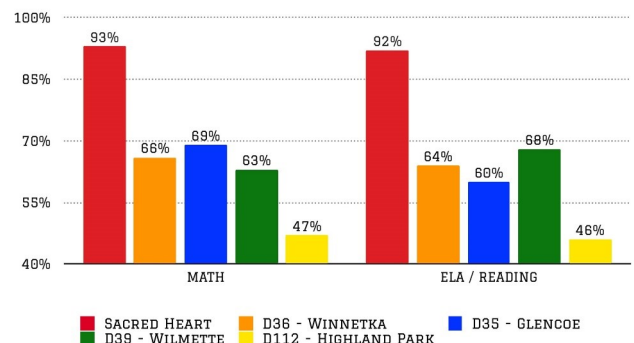
Sacred Heart School is true to its root beliefs: We are made in God's image, We are a Family, Our Time Together Matters, We are Always Learning, and Challenges are Opportunities. We weathered the Covid years successfully, and have turned that challenge into an opportunity to become closer to God and each other.

OTHER

The Superintendent of Catholic Schools joined us this year and was impressed with our wonderful school stating: "There was a strong sense of community, good teaching, and wonderful students. Students were answering tough questions in the Geography Bee and the Pre-K students' art project was delightful. What a great place to be a student! Clearly, Sacred Heart has a bright future."



% OF STUDENTS PERFORMING AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL
(2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR)



* Source for Sacred Heart = iReady Scores 2021-2022 Academic School Year (K-8)

** Source for Public Schools = Illinois Assessment of Readiness from IL State Board of Education Report Cards 2021-2022 Academic School Year (K-8)

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	2022					2021
	CHURCH	REL ED	SCHOOL	TOTAL		TOTAL
OPERATING REVENUE						
Sunday, Christmas & Easter Collections	\$ 1,212,286	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,212,286	\$	1,251,427
Tuition	\$ -	\$ 69,491	\$ 1,485,351	\$ 1,554,842	\$	1,430,351
Fees	\$ -	\$ 8,703	\$ 134,398	\$ 143,101	\$	148,510
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$	250,000
Rental Income	\$ 272,783	\$ -	\$ 15,770	\$ 288,553	\$	269,944
Miscellaneous ¹	\$ 182,959	\$ 3,167	\$ 10,975	\$ 197,101	\$	187,044
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,668,028	\$ 81,361	\$ 1,896,494	\$ 3,645,883	\$	3,537,276
OPERATING EXPENSE						
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 808,761	\$ 68,842	\$ 1,650,123	\$ 2,527,726	\$	2,342,400
Admin, Books, Supplies, Technology	\$ 90,119	\$ 10,583	\$ 89,794	\$ 190,496	\$	202,073
Utilities	\$ 176,378	\$ -	\$ 96,846	\$ 273,224	\$	227,036
Maintenance	\$ 240,280	\$ 221	\$ 172,254	\$ 412,755	\$	387,833
Liturgical Supplies & Miscellaneous	\$ 98,636	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 98,646	\$	109,933
Insurance	\$ 132,528	\$ -	\$ 43,728	\$ 176,256	\$	152,381
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 210,919	\$ 5,330	\$ 50,429	\$ 266,678	\$	220,503
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,757,621	\$ 84,981	\$ 2,103,179	\$ 3,945,781	\$	3,642,159
NET OPERATING RESULTS	\$ (89,593)	\$ (3,620)	\$ (206,685)	\$ (299,898)	\$	(104,883)
Endowment Withdrawal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,785	\$ 210,785	\$	-
Parish Support of Education	\$ -	\$ 3,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
PPP Loan Proceeds ²	\$ 176,217	\$ -	\$ 293,825	\$ 470,042	\$	508,242
FINAL OPERATING RESULTS	\$ 86,624	\$ -	\$ 297,925	\$ 170,144	\$	403,359

FOOTNOTES:

- Miscellaneous Income includes income from estates and the parish rebate from the Annual Catholic Appeal received in FY 2022.
- PPP Loan Proceeds represent 2nd round PPP loans forgiven in FY 2022: \$176K for Divine Mercy Parish and \$294K for Sacred Heart School.



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BALANCE SHEET 6/30/2022

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash *	\$ 3,128,303
Operating Savings *	<u>\$ 1,427,508</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 4,555,811
School Endowment	<u>\$ 3,873,704</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 8,429,515

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 50,852
Credit Card	\$ 23,200

Other Current Liabilities

Prepaid Tuition/Fees	\$ 249,476
Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,422,072</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,671,548

Total Current Liabilities \$ 1,745,600

Total Equity \$ 6,683,915

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 8,429,515

* Subsequent to fiscal year-end, we have moved \$3 million of assets to a growth fund account at Northern Trust (70% Equity and 30% Fixed). Investment decisions for this fund are made under the direction of the Archdiocese's Finance Council, which is assisted by Cambridge Associates, an investment advisor. Our funds are comingled with similar funds from other entities in the Archdiocese for investment purposes and are accessible within a short time frame if necessary.



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Outreach and sharing are greatly valued by Divine Mercy Parish.

ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ 2,540
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 1,105
Catholic Charities	\$ 3,930
Peter's Pence	\$ 1,295
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 637
Retired Religious	\$ 3,224
Seminary Collection	\$ 1,897
Latin America	\$ 760
Churches in Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 2,761
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$ 193,058
Missionary CO-OP	\$ 2,524
Total Archdiocesan Required Collections	\$ 213,731

OTHER CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

A Just Harvest	\$ 1,665
St. Benedict the African	\$ 23,153
St. Moses the Black Parish	\$ 21,450
Fr. Paul Foundation	\$ 14,750
Haiti	\$ 142,086
Uncle Pete's Ministry	\$ 1,910
Total Other Charitable Collections	\$ 205,014

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

