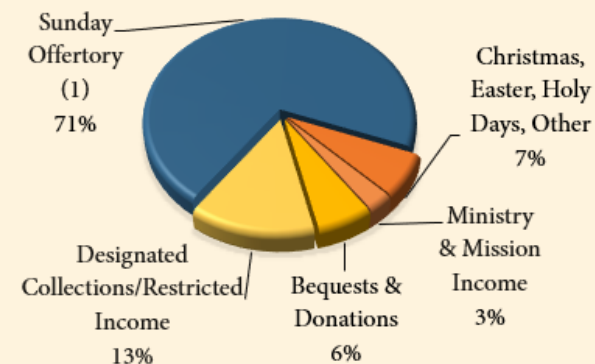


Financial Snapshot

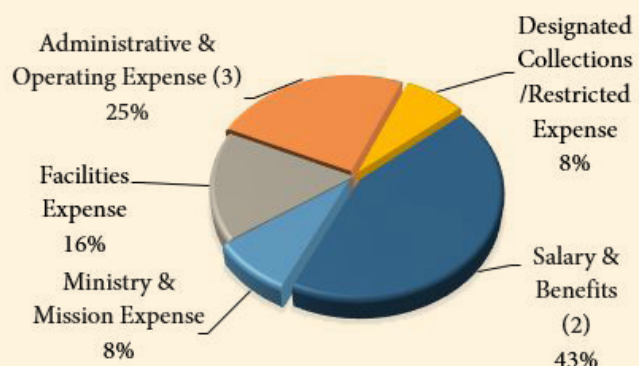
Operating Income

Sunday Offertory (1)	\$609,000.00
Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, Other	\$58,041.00
Ministry & Mission Income	\$23,769.00
Bequests & Donations	\$52,357.00
Designated Collections/Restricted Income	<u>\$117,669.00</u>
Total Operating Income	\$860,836.00



Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits (2)	\$265,086.00
Ministry & Mission Expense	\$51,452.00
Facilities Expense	\$100,368.00
Administrative & Operating Expense (3)	\$150,221.00
Designated Collections/Restricted Expense	<u>\$46,256.00</u>
Total Operating Expense	<u>\$613,383.00</u>



Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) \$247,453.00

(1) **EXCLUDES** Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, etc.
 (2) Reflects a reduction in Staff and Staff Hours due to the current Pandemic.
 (3) **INCLUDES** Diocesan Assessments/\$98,370.00

NOTE: A detailed Income Statement and Balance Sheet is available on the Parish Website: www.ourladyofvictory.net, or on request from the Parish Center Offices.

Ways to Support & Give to Our Parish



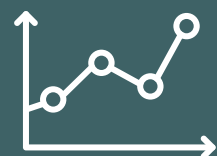
ONLINE

Visit our website to give electronically at www.ourladyofvictory.net, or go directly to Faith Direct at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/OH669>.



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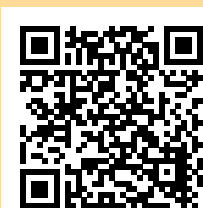
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 Our Lady of Victory
 Parish
 73 North Avenue
 Tallmadge, Ohio
 44278



STOCK OPTIONS

Make a Stock Gift
 Contact Fr. Mike Matusz
 at the Parish Center
 Offices, (330) 633-3637.

Scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



Loving *God*...Loving *Others*... Becoming and Making Disciples...*77 Years!*

Dear Parish Family,

I would be remiss if I did not begin with sharing my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the continued generosity of so many . . . the giving of their time to serve the parish and beyond, motivated by their *Love of God* . . . the sharing of their gifts and talents so that others might not only benefit but realize they matter, manifesting their *Love of others* . . . the constant desire to be the presence of Christ, our hope, our joy and our strength, and conform their lives mores and more to His, evidence of their *Becoming Disciples* and their “yes” to *Making Disciples*.

I am also appreciative and grateful for the wonderful response we, as a Parish, experienced as the result of this past year’s “Renewal/Recommitment” initiative through the gift of treasure. In addition to an increase in regular and consistent Sunday Offertory, some responded very generously with additional *one-time gifts*, all of which have been so very, very helpful. Helpful and necessary, not only as we continue to work to strengthen the resources necessary to carry out the mission and ministry of your Parish now and into the future, but also to support what was necessary to be put in place over the past many months due to the Pandemic and remains necessary as we move forward.

I came across a story a few years back that, I believe, is a powerful expression of what we, as a Parish and a community of believers must *always* be about.

It is a story about a Bishop who had recalled one of his first experiences as a newly ordained priest . . .

He had gone to a nursing home to visit residents there and encountered an aging priest who was also a resident in the same home. Spending time with the “elder”, he got lost in the stories the “elder” shared. When he had a chance to speak, he asked the elder priest, “if his priesthood was worth it.” The elder priest replied with a story.

“ . . . a thousand years ago there was a priest somewhere who faithfully carried on his duties day in and day out. Today no one knows who he is. His name has vanished from the face of the earth. But because of him and others like him I got to hear the story of Jesus and I, too, was baptized. A thousand years from now a young couple will bring their baby to a baptismal font somewhere to have that child introduced into the new life of Christ. It will be because of me.”

Each time I am in our facilities, but in particular, our Church, I look around at the bricks, the mortar, the wood, the glass, *and the people*, and I can’t help but think, “Someone I don’t even know made sure we had all of this . . . someone, I don’t even know, made sure the people that come together as Church were introduced into the new life of Christ, and that is why they gather.” How blest am I! How blest are *we!*

Together, let *us* be someone who makes certain this rich faith, this legacy, this testament of our *Love of God . . . Love of others . . . ongoing efforts to Become and Make Disciples* produces abundant fruit now and into the future.

I invite each household to prayerfully consider “renewing/recommitting” your financial giving to your Parish, or in some cases, commit now if you have not done so in the past, so that abundant fruit can be produced.

We will celebrate our “Renewal/Recommitment” Weekend on October 30th and 31st. A “Renewal/Recommitment” Card is included with this mailing to be prayerfully completed and returned on this weekend. Additionally, we invite you to include any “Prayer Intentions” you wish the Parish to pray for. This may be written on the back of the “Renewal/Recommitment” Card.

May God continue to bless you, your household and each and every member of Our Lady of Victory. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful consideration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

Reverend Michael A. Matusz, Pastor



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Loving God . . .

Amidst the challenging times of the ongoing Pandemic, *we*, as a faith community, have *never* ceased to celebrate and offer opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ in *Word* and *Sacrament*. In the preceding year alone:



- Over **360** Masses have been celebrated (with nearly **24** of these celebrated outdoors out of concern for those unable to come indoors), and **all** have been livestreamed over Facebook and broadcast over FM 93.7, **reaching an even broader population**
- Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration, accompanied by Evening and Night Prayer, has been offered **Monday through Friday evenings** throughout the year (and livestreamed over Facebook)
- **33** Families have been accompanied through Masses of Christian Burial when their loved ones have died
- **75 plus** Fellow Parishioners have served as Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Julian Ministers and Music Ministers

Loving Others . . .

Even during these uncertain economic times, *your* faith community has not failed to offer support to those in need as well as give of their time and talent to support the mission and ministry of your Parish.

There are always opportunities to serve your parish. Contact Fr. Mike, Linda Herold or Joanne Pasko, at the Parish Center Offices (330) 633-3637 at any time to learn how you can give of your time and talent.



- Over **\$66,000** was provided for Tallmadge and Akron area charities and service organizations (of which \$54,900 came through Poor Fund Contributions)
- Nearly **\$11,700** was provided for Diocesan and World-wide needs
- Roughly **\$11,200** (distributed from Poor Fund Contributions) was used to provide local assistance (rent, food, utilities, gas, etc.) to those in need
- Parishioners pledged **\$80,179** to the Catholic Charities Campaign, exceeding the Parish Goal **again** by nearly 8%



Becoming and Making Disciples . . .

As disciples (life-long learners at the feet) of Jesus Christ, we are called to share the Gospel message with the world. We are able to carry out our mission of evangelization, helping more people to know and love the Lord. Your generous and sacrificial giving helps to ensure that all within our community, and beyond, can grow in faith, hope and love.



- **1,003** Registered households in your parish
- **9** Baptisms
- **8** "New" members received into the Church
- **23** Confirmations
- **24** First Communions
- **5** Marriages
- **129*** Children, Teens and Youth served through Religious Education/Formation/Life Teen **(virtually ministered this past year)*
- **Weekly** *(virtual)* Bible Study and other offerings throughout this past year