

Annual Report

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Our Lady of the Black Hills

Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's mercy.

Dear friends,

First of all, I am grateful to God for each of you. I want to say thank you. Thank you for your generosity and your faithfulness. I am very much touched by your good spirit and your faithful stewardship especially in these difficult times. Our parish did very well with the Diocesan Capital Campaign "Living the Mission" and with our ongoing parish financial and spiritual needs. Our finance and parish councils help to ensure your gifts are used wisely and that all measures to protect them are in place. I strongly encourage you to consider online (automatic) giving—a safer and easier way to give at **olbh.org/donate**. Our donations were a little bit below budget, but that was expected this year. With the help of our parish staff, we were able to save some expenses and thus ensure financial stability.



Our Lady of the Black Hills will continue the work and the mission of our Church family.

In this report you will find the income/expense sheet for the 2019-2020 statement as well as facilities repairs, building projects, and parish life information. There is also a 2020-2021 budget. We have lowered the budget for the upcoming year to reflect our expected donations. Thank you for your support.

Thank you,

Fr. Andrzej

Completed Upgrades to Buildings & Grounds

1. Placed video surveillance cameras throughout the church and grounds.
2. Replaced the roof and gutters of the church due to hail and wind damage.
3. Upgraded and cleaned the front entrance area of the landscaping.
4. Replaced the front entrance doors of the church.
5. Installed additional routers for internet use in classrooms.



Ongoing Parish Needs & Projects

- ⇒ Sound system upgrade and/or replacement, possible addition of a camera for the livestreaming of Mass.
- ⇒ Finishing of the rectory basement.
- ⇒ Replace the rectory roof and gutters due to hail and wind damage.
- ⇒ Convert and update the lighting in the Church to LED lights with dimmers and extend the existing track lighting to better light the Church.
- ⇒ Address the North side of the church landscaping.
- ⇒ Start planning for the replacement of the cushions on the kneelers in the pews.
- ⇒ Address the electrical panel needs for our parish.

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We are blessed to have a holy, dedicated, prayerful and prepared community of Liturgical Ministers to serve. Every year OLBH sees the ongoing dedication of those who are “called to serve” in so many ways, as Hospitality ministers, Extraordinary ministers, Altar servers, Deacons, Lectors, Sacristans, and Music ministers. In addition, we continued to receive the spiritual gifts of drummers, guitarists, bells, violinists, and keyboard players who have become an integral part of our Music Ministry. In a special way, we are blessed by those leading the music ministry each weekend: Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek (Director of Music & Liturgy), Jane Abernathy, Brenda Czmowski, and Regena Thrall.

In the summer months, our Liturgical Ministers were blessed to serve for Marriage, Vigil and Funeral Liturgies for our beloved parishioners and families. On Parish Feast day, we joined in an outdoor Eucharistic Procession with various sung chants and instrumentalists to lead us and joined in Eucharistic Adoration in the church after the 8am mass. The Worship Commission also met from September to March during Leadership Night for discussions on Liturgical planning keeping our Diocesan and Parish Mission Statements in mind in our planning. In October Lorraine attended the local chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians at their annual St Cecilia’s Banquet. Lorraine also was blessed to play for the Priests’ Retreat masses at Holy Cross chapel.

During the Advent Season, we began our rehearsals for the Christmas Musical. This year, Lorraine Ptacek wrote the musical entitled “No Longer Orphans,” a telling of the Christmas Story thru the eyes and story of a long lost Grandma and a little orphan boy, presented twice in December, once by the Sunday Religious Ed. Classes and again by the Wednesday night kids. With a mixture of storytelling, singing, scripture, costumes, humor and touching grace, the Greatest Story ever told was greatly received by all! The Parish then joined together for our Communal Penance Liturgy. On the weekend before Christmas, a number of joyous Parish singers and instrumentalists did some travelling caroling to our neighbors and down the road to St. Martins Assisted Living and for the Sisters at St. Martins. I can say that we brought the gift of carols and cards from OLBH to many, but I think we were the ones who were truly blessed by their hospitality, warmth and stories. Our Christmas Liturgies were again filled with joy, enhanced by special music and extra instrumentalists with all of our wonderful Liturgical Ministers bringing their gifts in celebration of Christ’s birth!

In January, Lorraine was blessed to serve as a Music Minister for Mass at the Diocesan Refuel at Terra Sancta, and a number of our parish family attended the presentations and Mass. January and February found our Liturgical Ministers serving at Funeral masses and Weddings. A few Music Ministers and parishioners alike, travelled to Custer to minister and witness the Wedding of one of our Parish family members.

The Lenten Season began, with masses on Ash Wednesday. In early March, we ministered to another two families for Funeral Liturgies. Then the Pandemic hit, in mid-March and cancellations began. Stations of the Cross were cancelled, masses were cancelled (of course, Fr. was continuing to celebrate mass without parishioners present). We worked hard to live stream the Masses and Stations of the Cross to your homes. Lorraine and family began serving as the Music Ministers for the live stream and limited Liturgical ministers served according to the new Diocesan guidelines. Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday were celebrated again with only necessary persons in attendance. As we all learned more about the Pandemic, the guidelines were adjusted by the Diocese following the CDC and State guidance to where we are today. We have daily masses with limited attendance, Saturday night live streamed mass for those celebrating at home and in limited numbers in the church on Sunday at 8am and 11am Liturgies.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we had a Drive thru Blessing in the Parking Lot, which was very well attended. On May 8th, Lorraine and a small socially distanced group gathered at Terra Sancta and Ministered for a Taizé Prayer time to be recorded and offered online. In May, we again prayed the Rosary before masses and celebrated with a May Crowning. By June, preparations were made for the RCIA candidates, First Communicants (on Corpus Christi), and the Confirmation candidates to celebrate the Sacraments at different masses, live streamed for family who were not able to come in large numbers. On July 16th, we celebrated the Eremitic Life Vows at Mass for Sister Mary Catherine, a rare and beautiful gift. That week, Lorraine was able to attend the National Pastoral Musicians Convention in Kentucky through live stream.

The Church looks different now, with hand sanitizer, sanitary wipes, pews tied off for social distancing, people gathering in smaller numbers and wearing masks to celebrate the Mass. We don't know what this Pandemic has in store for us in the future, but one thing is certain, Jesus walks with us, ministers to us through each other, and is present in the Word and in the Eucharist. Whether in the Church building or at home, we are still the One Body of Christ ministering to each other at Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish.

Our Lady of the Black Hills

Statistics 2019-2020

512—Families registered

127—Formed.org Families [free resource for all parishioners] **olbh.formed.org**

20—Children baptized

25—Children received First Eucharist

17—Youth Confirmed

2—Adults Baptized

17—Funerals

4—Adults received into Full Communion

5—Couples prepared for marriage

Faith Formation:

47—Catechists

137—Pre-K—5th grade

26—Middle School

10—High School

300—Adults (participated in one or more sessions of adult faith formation prior to closure due to the COVID19 pandemic)

F a i t h F o r m a t i o n

Adult Faith Formation

Coordinated by John and Joni Osnes

Adult Faith Formation activities were well attended until the COVID pandemic forced cancelations of most activities in March 2020.

Sunday morning adult faith formation sessions were led by Pat Schubauer. Topics presented were Lectio: Mary, Lectio: Eucharist, and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Reconciliation. Forty- three adults attended at least one session. Lectio Eucharist was repeated from last year to coincide with the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist. Each participant who had previously attended this series was challenged to bring another adult to the sessions.

Wisdom Wednesdays occurred once a month starting in September and speakers presented based on the “Year of The Eucharist”. Fr. Andrzej, Susan Safford, Fr. Mulloy, Dcn John Osnes, and David Allardyce were the presenters.

There were three weekly Bible studies, including a women’s group, an Early Bird group, and a Men’s group with 20-22 adults who attended regularly. During Lent a group of 11-12 adults met to study “Getting More Out of Lent”.

Robert and Pam Wentz presented “Financial Peace University” sessions in January, 2020. These sessions were open to other parishes and to other churches in the community. 10 adults registered and attended the sessions.

The ChristLife Evangelization process continued this year with 30 adults who attended the Discovering Christ session in the Fall, 23 adults in the winter. The second set of sessions, Following Christ began with 25 adults who attended on Sunday afternoons and 11 adults on Wednesday evenings. In June the Following Christ sessions were offered virtually and 22 adults completed the sessions in July 2020.

All parents who have had their child baptized at OLBH received follow up mailings at the child’s 3,6, 12, 18 months, and their 2nd and 3rd year birthdays to support in providing for the child’s spiritual, emotional and physical growth.

Our Lady of the Black Hills supported and encouraged 36 parishioners to attend the Summit, and 8 catechists to attend REFUEL.

There were 25 families who hosted the Traveling Chalice in homes for one week promising to pray for discernment of vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Diaconate.

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Coordinated by Brad Blauvelt and Stacy Tate

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults team instructed seven adults in the Catholic faith along with their sponsors each Sunday morning from September through the Easter season. Five of the adults also made their First Communion. The class utilized many different learning materials including the *Symbolon* series from Formed.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children had six participants. Four were baptized. They attended Faith Formation classes and had instruction from their parents as well as focused on the parent led Blessed program from Dynamic Catholic.

F a i t h F o r m a t i o n

Elementary Faith Formation

Coordinated by Rhonda Ghelsen

We offer two paths of Pre-K – 5th faith formation: the traditional classroom model and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We offered classes on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We had over 160 children registered and attending Faith Formation classes this year.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Parents led their children in preparation for the sacraments using the 'Blessed' curriculum by Dynamic Catholic consisting of a workbook and DVD. The parents attended 'Forgiven' and 'Presence' presented by the Augustine Institute and facilitated by Deacon Greg Sass. Monthly meetings for the children were held to review the 'Blessed' curriculum while their parents attended their catechesis. The children and their parents also attended a reconciliation and first Eucharist retreat. Four children received their First Communion on June 1st & 2nd, One received Communion and Confirmation on June 2nd, and 20 received their First Communion on June 13th & 14th.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to our Catholic faith that combines scripture and liturgy in a Montessori environment. The children gather in an atrium that is filled with material that helps aid the children in their relationship with Christ. The level I atriums were led by Lisa Katzenstein, Maria Pesek, Suzanne Wilhelmi and Rhonda Gehlsen. Their assistants were Robert Weaver, Kelsey Cox, Amy Haakenson, and John Falcone. The level II atriums were led by Megan Hamer and Cathleen Denekamp. Lori Blak assisted Megan and LaChel McCollar assisted Cathleen. The level III atriums were led by Suzanne Wilhelmi, and Jenny Scherr with Melissa Murphy as her assistant.

Traditional Catechesis

A lectionary-based catechesis is the foundation of this program. The basic curriculum is selected to integrate scripture, doctrine, prayers and practices of the Church. We offered Traditional classes on both Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings for first through fifth grade. They used the 'Spirit of Truth' curriculum by Sophia Institute. Our diligent catechist teams include Brenda and Autumn Cassen, Rachael Held and Jennifer Curtis, John Gehlsen and Peggy Wermers, Bridgette Fode and Valerie Curtis.

Duc in Altum

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Duc In Altum was canceled this year.

Middle and High School Faith Formation

Coordinated by Rhonda Gehlsen

6th Grade - The 6th grade class had ten students and was taught by Jeremy Thompson, Suzanne Reeve and Kodi Carlin. The curriculum was Sealed by Fire by Sophia Institute.

7th Grade (Confirmation Class) – The students walked through the 'Chosen' curriculum on Wednesday evenings led by Mark Weishaar, Laura Varilek, Jennifer Schaeffer, and Jason Koch to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. They attended an overnight retreat at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. They also completed a Saint Report and answered the Bishop's required questions. Sixteen students were confirmed by Fr. Andrzej on June 6th and 7th, 2020

8-12th Grade – The youth participated in YDisciple groups which are small faith sharing groups designed for high school aged youth. There was one girls group and two boys groups held on Wednesday evenings led by Samantha Hough and Kami Serfling, Brett Whealy, Jim Landers and Aric Dyczek. The Steubenville conference in St. Paul MN was canceled this year due to COVID-19

Parish Organizations

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Our Lady of the Black Hills Society of St. Vincent de Paul fulfilled 241, 62 more than last year, requests of help from Friends in Need in the Black Hawk, Piedmont, Summerset area.

The income was \$20,717.69 and expenditures were \$10,029.71; \$663 was donated by OLBH parishioners through the Church, donations directly to SSVdP were not included in this number. Over \$1500 was spent on electric bills alone. The expenditures have been low due to the government aid for the Coronavirus pandemic and the raise in unemployment income. Considering that the unemployment rate will return to normal we will likely see an uptick in friends in need. We will not receive any additional funds until at least July 2021 outside of regular donations.

Please consider helping our friends in need in the Piedmont, Black Hawk, and Summerset area.

Library

The OLBH Library continues to serve the parish by providing books and audio-visual materials for children, youth and teens, and adults. Since records of library activities were first kept, 2,799 items have been checked out. Other items were used for quick reference and during Adoration. Librarian Mary Coffin selects and classifies materials into the collection and the online catalog. Bernie Gerving volunteers to finish processing them. Books were purchased as well as donations received, particularly the spoken word CD's. Displays were developed to support: special programs such as the Diocesan emphasis on the Eucharist, current parish educational topics, and weekly Mass observances of particular Saints. Although the Library is also currently used as a confessional for an hour on Wednesdays and Saturdays, it is always open all other times for everyone to check out materials.

Piedmont Valley Ministerial Association Food Pantry

2019-2020 Activity:

The Piedmont Valley Food Pantry had 356 customers and gave out 483 bags of food. At Christmas, 804 gifts and food boxes were given to 90 families. Thank you for your continued support.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2019 Diocesan annual appeal had a 34% participation rate by OLBH parishioners totaling \$81,768 pledged by 179 households to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

The **2020 Diocesan annual appeal had only a 24% participation rate by OLBH parishioners** totaling \$80,018 pledged by 146 households. Participation rate is important for the Diocese concerning alternative funding from outside sources. Overall the Diocesan Appeal participation rate dropped from 38% to 24% throughout the Diocese.

Our Lady of the Black Hills has a goal of 35% participation rate this year. A gift of any size goes a long way in supporting the goal. \$5 dollars dramatically impacts participation rates, even if you can give \$10 the more participation, the easier the goal.

	Fund	2019	2020
Our Lady of the Black Hills donated an additional \$23,698.81 to special collections and other support throughout the Diocese.	Church in Latin America	\$50	\$45
	Church in E. Europe	\$60	\$20
	Peter's Pence	\$160	\$45
	St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,080	\$663.
	Catholic University	\$30	\$20
An additional \$225 were donated to miscellaneous	Retired Religious	\$260	\$205
	Priest Retirement	\$4,350	\$3,910
	Mission Meals	\$500	\$1,221
	CSS Ash Wednesday	\$5,254	\$4,229
	Adopt a Seminarian	\$5,213	\$5,565
	Vestments	N/A	3,000
	Rectory Donations	\$1,356	\$500
	Sound System	N/A	\$4,050

Thank You

COVID19 Response

March came in quietly with whisperings of a new virus that was coursing through the world's population. By mid-March, Diocesan Administrator, Michel Mulloy and Bishop DeGrood of Sioux Falls determined that public Masses would be suspended. This came with a dispensation lifting the obligation to attend holy Mass on Sunday. This dispensation is still in effect in the Diocese of Rapid City.

Fr. Andrzej and the staff at Our Lady of the Black Hills worked diligently to make the transition to 'Mass at home' as seamless as possible. We were the first parish to live stream Stations of the Cross and Masses in the Diocese of Rapid City. While this came with some hiccups, many were grateful to be able to 'attend' Mass at their home parish with Fr. Andrzej and especially grateful to hear his beautiful singing voice. As time went on the days turned into weeks and the shepherd began to miss his flock. Thus Fr. Andrzej in conjunction with Fr. Tim Hoag and Fr. Adam Hofer of Blessed Sacrament Parish decided to offer a drive thru blessing and pilgrimage. On Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday, parishioners and visitors were invited to Our Lady of the Black Hills to receive a blessing (in Polish) from Fr. Andrzej while venerating a relic of (Polish) pope St. John Paul II. They were also encouraged to then make a pilgrimage to Blessed Sacrament while praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and receive a blessing there while venerating the relic of St. Faustina. This was a very well attended event that even earned Fr. Andrzej a photo and write up in the National Catholic Register.

During the pandemic we also challenged families to create prayer corners and the children to create depictions of the Last Supper with their toys and household items. Initially, the staff reached out to elderly and homebound members to offer aid and support. Then the staff called each registered household to check in and to spread the word that Mass would be resuming in a limited attendance capacity. We were also able to host Real Presence Radio with a live broadcast Mass from OLBH and a live radio broadcast where Fr. Andrzej was interviewed by Bishop-elect, then Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Michel Mulloy and Karen Gebes right in the OLBH library.

On May 16 we resumed in person Masses in a very limited capacity. To accommodate everyone, Fr. Andrzej graciously offered to say Mass twice daily and added Adoration and reconciliation times. Once we were settled into a routine we resumed our regular Mass, Adoration, and reconciliation schedule with the addition of Mass on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 PM. When it was clear that the Church was mostly empty with only fifty individuals attending Mass at one time, restrictions were eased to allow in more individuals at once. There was no more need for Tuesday and Thursday evening Masses and our Mass scheduled has returned to normal.

Throughout this time Fr. Andrzej and the staff continue to work closely with Catholic Social Services, Feeding South Dakota, the Piedmont Valley Food Pantry and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to ensure the needs of our parishioners and neighbors are being adequately met. Several of our parishioners have been impacted by the collapsed mines in the Hideaway Hills subdivision. Again, we worked with local agencies to provide help for the impacted families and their homes.

Faith Formation continued throughout the pandemic with weekly email assignments and activities, informational emails and increased catechesis opportunities for in the bulletin and online. Small group sessions of ChristLife were successfully conducted on Zoom. We all rejoiced when we were able to fully celebrate the Sacraments of First Eucharist, Confirmation and that the RCIA and RCIC candidates were able to fully commune with the Church. For three weekends we limited Mass attendance to those individuals and their families to enable social distancing and live streamed each Mass for family and friends to 'attend' from afar.

We are astounded by the wonderful generosity of our parishioners. It began with some of our teens sanitizing the pews after closing and has extended to people committing to attend Mass every week to sanitize pews, ensure the Mass list is accurate, and share the Word of God.

Financially, the pandemic has been a struggle for the Church. We recognize your selfless sacrifice in a time of uncertainty that has enabled us to respond to the pandemic in the ways we have mentioned and in countless other situations that have arisen. Your dollars of support have not only kept the lights on, but ensured that Jesus can be shared with all. As we slowly return and get used to our 'new normal' I pray for our parish and the diocese. Consider to continue or to pick up a ministry in the church. We need many hearts to respond and to keep our faith alive and joyful.

FY Income/Expense: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

BALANCE SHEET

Checking & Savings	\$90,141.63
Receivables	0.00
Cont. Savings Church Furnishings	1,813.27
Contingency General Savings	10,465.59
Contingency Education Fund	24,257.65
Building Maint. Savings	79,920.82
Land	66,376.00
Land Improvements	86,444.29
Buildings & Improvements	642,007.48
Furniture & Equipment	216,917.22

TOTAL ASSETS **1,221,334.32**

Loan Principal (PPP)	32,347.50
Amounts held for others	2,111.61
Sound System	4,050.00
CMG-Insurance Roof Repair	12,469.50
Fund Balance account	1,170,355.71

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **1,221,334.32**

INCOME:

New Building Funds	19,979.02
Collections	397,931.86
Merchandise Donations	988.66
Parish Mission	0.00
Subtotal Contributions	418,899.54

Parish Activities	18,709.47
Fall Festival	7,071.21
Parish Income	25,780.68

Reimbursements	7,000.00
Interest & Dividends	2,501.23
Misc./Facility Income	250.00
Miscellaneous Income	9,751.23

TOTAL INCOME **\$434,452.43**

***Contingency Building Savings** **8,000**

*moved to balance sheet at year end

EXPENSES:

Salaries	130,868.82
Employee Benefits	37,386.51
Continuing Education	1,516.55
Employee Screening	0.00
Subtotal Salary/Benefits	169,771.88

Computer Supplies	3,191.88
Postage	1,377.20
Office Expenses	7,096.81.
Subtotal Office Expenses	11,665.89

Worship Aids	1,832.24
Liturgical Supplies	6,236.70
Choir Expenses	2,868.37
Special Events	3,752.40
Service to Parishioners	2,874.04
Subtotal Aid/Event Expenses	17,563.75

Household/Table Expenses	5,355.95
Travel Expenses	5,121.36
Subtotal Expenses	10,477.31

Utilities	27,595.79
Equipment & Building	72,738.30
Assessments/Donations	48,954.61
Subtotal Parish Costs	149,288.70

Grade School Religious Ed	3,642.54
Atriums/Cat. Of the Good Shep.	7,591.62
Middle/High School Ed.	4,382.43
Adult Education	4,166.62
Parish Education	7,260.89
Subtotal Rel. Ed Program	27,044.10

Assistance/Gifts	1,500.00
Parish Activities	4,183.34
Fund Raising Costs	359.96
Interest Payments on Loan	0.00
Capital Improvements	44,143.97
Subtotal Misc. Expenses	50,187.27

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$416,402.82**

Adjusted Net Difference **\$18,049.61**

"Assessments/Donations" (right column) includes \$850 per month of support for our Sister Parishes in Corson County and \$33,319.61 paid to the Rapid City Catholic Schools to support the 37 student parishioners enrolled from Our Lady of the Black Hills.

LOOKING AHEAD

PROPOSED BUDGET: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

PROJECTED INCOME

Checking & Savings	82,276.63
Receivables	
Cont. Investments	1813.27
Contingency General Savings	10,465.59
Contingency Education Fund	24,257.65
American Century Gift Trust	0.00
Building Maint. Savings	79,920.82
AccumDepre/Land Improv	8,007.83
Land	66,376.00
Land Improvements	78,434.46
Buildings & Improvements	642,007.48
Furniture & Equipment	216,917.22
Religious Articles	2,992.37
TOTAL ASSETS	1,213,469.32
Loan Principal (PPP Loan)	32,347.50
Amounts held for others	19,681.43
Accounts Payable	0.00
Fund Balance account	1,161,440.39

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

INCOME:

New Building Funds	20,000.00
Collections	401,444.00
Merchandise Donations	1000
New Rectory	0.00
Subtotal Contributions	442,444.00
Parish Activities	10,450.00
Fall Festival	7,000.00
Parish Income	17,450.00
Reimbursements	7,000.00
Interest & Dividends	2,100.00
Misc./Facility Income	800.00
Miscellaneous Income	9,900.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$449,794.00

PROJECTED EXPENSES:

Salaries and Benefits	193,688.00
Continuing Education	2,000.00
Employee Screening	0.00
Subtotal Salary/Benefits	195,688.00
Office Supplies	2,700.00
Computer Supplies	2,700.00
Postage	1,000.00
Office Expenses	5,065.00
Subtotal Office Expenses	11,465.00
Worship Aids	3,700.00
Liturgical Supplies	5,400.00
Choir Expenses	2,200.00
Special Events	4,050.00
Service to Parishioners	2,650.00
Subtotal Aid/Event Expenses	18,000.00
Household/Table Expenses	5,800.00
Travel Expenses	5,500.00
Subtotal Expenses	11,300.00
Utilities	29,150.00
Equipment & Building	51,896.00
Assessments/Donations	51,800.00
Subtotal Parish Costs	132,846.00
Grade School Religious Ed	5,000.00
Atriums/Cat. Of the Good Shep.	10,000.00
Middle/High School Ed.	10,000.00
Adult Education	6,500.00
Parish Education	8,945.00
Subtotal Rel. Ed Program	40,445.00
Assistance/Gifts	1,800.00
Parish Activities	8,250.00
Fund Raising Costs	0.00
Interest on Loan	0.00
Subtotal	9,050.00
Annual Building/Improvements	30,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$449,794.00

OLBH Councils and Committees

Pastoral Council

The purpose of the pastoral council is to act as a consultative body to the pastor. By collaborative exchange it seeks to discern the pastoral needs and goals of the parish. It promotes the best interests of the parish by making recommendations for its management and development, both spiritual and temporal. Finally, it serves as a medium whereby any and all members of the parish may make known their views of parish matters. All are welcome to attend any meeting.

Members Include:

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon John Osnes, Cathleen Denekamp (Chair), Brad Blauvelt, Robert Weaver, Samson Ptacek, Lorinda Collings, Audrey Montileaux, Erik Haakedahl, and Lorinda Collings

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the parish hall.

Leadership Night

Leadership Nights are hosted on the second Thursday of each month beginning in the Church with evening prayer, followed by a light meal, and then breaking out into commissions/councils, and committees. All are invited to attend and to lend their voice and hands to aiding all involved in furthering the mission of OLBH. Councils meeting that night include Stewardship Council, Administration Commission, Evangelization Commission, Catholic Outreach Commission, and Worship Commission. For more information on how to be a part of the commissions or to aid the councils/commissions in planning or projects please contact the office.

*The Catholic Outreach Commission (formerly the Social Justice Commission) and the Worship Commission are in need of additional members.

Finance Council

The Finance Council provides assistance to the pastor in applying the principles of good stewardship in utilizing all parish resources, both human and financial. The council meets quarterly with the pastor in order to review and approve the annual budget, recommend business management policies of the parish and to address human resource issues including salaries and insurance, offer long term recommendations on management of the financial resources of the parish, advise regarding maintenance and facilities improvements.

Members include:

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Leisa Nash (Chair), Trista Hedderman (Vice Chair), James Johns, Larry Williamson, Ryan Turnquist, Tom Collings, Eric Scherr and Lorinda Collings

Discipleship Commission

The purpose of the Discipleship Commission is to support the faith formation programs and to guide their development in accordance with the parish purpose statement, vision, core values, priorities, and goals. It serves to foster cooperation, coordination, and communication among those involved in faith formation at OLBH. Meetings are held quarterly and are open.

Members include:

Deacon Greg Sass (Chair), Deacon John Osnes, Teresa Thompson, Joni Osnes, Rhonda Gehlsen, Brad Blauvelt, Brenda Czmowski, LaChel McCollar, and Stacy Tate.



Pastor: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

Pastoral Team: Deacon couples Walt & Judy Wilson (retired), John & Joni Osnes,
and Greg & Nancy Sass.

Staff: Rhonda Gehlsen, Lorinda Collings, Joni Osnes, Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek,
Todd Philippe, Erik Haakedahl, and Katie Harwood



PLEDGE TO HEAL

*"Each of
you is a child
of God."*

Pope Francis



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