



**OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
STATE OF THE PARISH 2023-2024**



Our Lady of Consolation Parish actively invites people into a deeper relationship with Christ Jesus through the Eucharistic celebration. We strive to be a Christ-centered Catholic community that welcomes, serves and guides everyone to a life of holiness.

Parish Statement of Activity

Year Ended June 30

Income:		2024	2023
	Church	\$ 1,833,665	\$ 1,823,871
	Faith Formation	66,715	74,788
	School	1,364,335	1,178,663
	Total	3,264,715	3,077,322

Expenses:		2024	2023
	Church	957,674	709,439
	Faith Formation	221,084	234,477
	School	1,525,585	1,388,869
	Plant/Maintenance	511,201	491,556
	Total	3,215,544	2,824,341
	Excess of Income Over Expenses	\$ 49,171	\$ 252,981

Parish Income

CHURCH: Church income includes the generous gifts received from our weekly offertory, special contributions and other sacrificial giving from parishioners. In 2024, Church income includes parishioner donations to the Maintenance Fund of \$230,369. In 2023, Church income includes a total of \$ 247,215 received during a matching gift program which paid off entirely the Parish's debt due to the Diocese from our *Rooted In Christ Capital Building Campaign*.

FAITH FORMATION: The amount collected from student registration fees, retreats, special parish events, and a grant from the OLC Education Foundation. (OLCEF)

SCHOOL: School income includes tuition and registration fees for all grade levels, school lunch fees and the annual school fundraiser, and grants from the OLCEF. The school received several federal grants in 2023 and 2024.

Parish Expenses

CHURCH: Parish staff salaries, healthcare insurance, building insurance, office supplies, church supplies, candles, and worship supplies. Donations were given on behalf of our parish to organizations such as North Kent Connect, Consolata Sisters, Haiti Mission, Ethiopia, Holy Family Radio, & more. *Charitable donations from the parish totaled \$113,169 for a 9% tithe out of our offertory for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.* We also donate to: Christian Service, Catholic Relief Services, Rice Bowl Campaign, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Retirement Fund for Religious. Church expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024 include major maintenance costs of \$ 264,429, representing costs for the down payment on a new HVAC system, roof replacements, and other major maintenance.

FAITH FORMATION: Staff wages and benefits, text books, Bibles, materials for youth programs K-12, OCIA (formerly RCIA), Bible studies, retreats, and parish-wide events.

SCHOOL: Staff wages, benefits, lunch expenses, textbooks, computers, field trips, and teaching supplies.

Operations

The Parish financial statements of activity are presented on a modified basis and do not report depreciation.

Note: The Church transferred \$ 430,667 in 2024 and \$ 443,367 in 2023 to the school to balance the school budget. This school income and church expense is not reported in this statement of activity.

Plant/maintenance expenses have not been allocated separately to Church, Faith Formation, and school expense categories above.

Parish/School Data

Numbers as of June 30, 2024

Parish Staff		Religious Education		School		Parishioners	
Priests	1	K-8 Catechists	31	Lay Teachers	12	Households	1583
Deacons	2	High School Catechists	3	Sister Teachers	1	Individuals ⁽²⁾	5087
Professional and support staff ⁽¹⁾	11	K-8 Students	245	Total Students	254	Estimated Catholic	4200
		High School Students ⁽⁶⁾	32	Pre-K Students	49	Envelope users ⁽³⁾	1116
				K-8 Students	205	Mass attendees ⁽⁴⁾	1297

New Parishioners Registered

From July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024

Individual Members	210
Households	91

Sacramental Trends ⁽⁵⁾

Baptisms	Marriages	Funerals	First Communions	Confirmations	OCIA Candidates/ Catechumens	Weekly Hours of Adoration	Weekly Hours of Reconciliation
Infant—54	Catholic—1	20	88	78	6	168	2
Minor—1	Interfaith—1						
Adult—3							

Definitions

(1) Professional and support staff - total number of parish and religious education staff (excluding priests, deacons and professional ministers)

(3) Household envelope users - average number using envelopes or online giving at least once per year

(5) Baptisms, marriages, funerals, RCIA candidates/catechumens—total number for each category for the entire year

(2) Individuals - total number of registered adults and children

(4) Mass attendees - total weekend mass attendance for an average or typical weekend

(6) OLC students attending Catholic Central or West Catholic high schools

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

2023/2024 Current Status as of October 11, 2024:

Assessment	186,004
Pledged	296,056
Overage of Goal	110,052
Pledges Paid	246,619
Remaining Balance	49,437

CSA supports Diocesan Faith Formation, Catholic Schools, International Appeals, Priestly Vocations, Broadcasting from the Cathedral of St. Andrew, VIRTUS Training, Prison & Jail Ministry, Catholic Charities of West Michigan, Seminarian Formation, and more!

All CSA overage comes back to our parish and will continue to support our Maintenance Fund.

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council consults with the Pastor and discerns how the parish can best meet the financial and material needs of the parish. The Finance Ministry's duties include:

- Develop the parish budget and oversee spending accordingly
- Advise the Pastor on parish spending
- Oversee the annual appeal for the offertory collection

Finance Council Members

Members for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024:

Jerry Peterson, Matt Cable, Fr. Dominic Couturier, Joe Derencius, Tim Foley
Deacon Jim Hessler, Fr. Danny Orris, Clive Pereira, Eric Schumacher



Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Consolation Parish. Your support helps to maintain this outstanding Church, School and Faith Formation programs. All parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully examine their individual offertory giving and consider their next steps towards sacrificial giving.

