



Our Mother
of Sorrows

23-24 STATE OF THE PARISH

**Compelled by the Love of Christ, we Love Others,
Deepen our Faith and Transform our World.**



Connect with Us



OMOS Media



Our Mother of Sorrows Church



@omoschurch



omostoday@gmail.com



omostoday.com

Contact Us

Fr. Mark Begly - Pastor
Julie Sheehan - Pastoral Administrator
Harry Kolonich - Parish Council President
Ed Sheehan - Finance Council President



Welcome to the Parish!



We are so excited and pleased to have welcomed many new families and individuals into our parish. Some found us as they were searching for a church home, some through baptisms, and some through our virtual presence. The growth of our virtual followers has been exponential, and they are all around the world. We can track individuals watching our virtual offerings in Japan, Australia, Europe, and all across the US. Our ability to spread God's word is forever growing, and we are so glad to welcome everyone into our family.

STATE OF THE PARISH 23-24



Our Year In Review

During the last Fiscal Year (**July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**), we have been blessed in so many ways. Our Parish population has increased, our financial support has increased but more importantly we have seen a growth in the faith of the parish and the desire to spread that faith into the community, Throughout this report I hope you will see the tremendous impact you, the faith community, have made on others and how you have helped bring them to understand what a relationship with Jesus looks like.

Special Events

- 240 Children received Easter baskets in our community distributed to 11 different charitable organizations
- 245 Families received Turkey Box Dinners from 13 different charitable organizations
- 172 Children in 72 families were gifted food & presents from our Angel Tree, with \$5,700 donated

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS

Financial Report

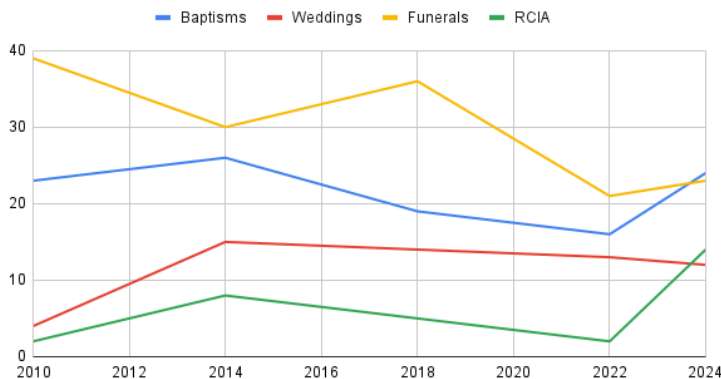
Our Mother of Sorrows Statement of Income & Expenses

	JUN 2024 Actual	JUN 2023 Actual
Income		
Offertory & Collections	\$1,043,003	\$1,024,680
Donations & Bequest	\$74,388	\$87,551
Total Income	\$1,117,391	\$1,112,231
Expenses		
Personnel Expenses	\$296,975	\$252,965
Building/Facilities/Utilities	\$90,512	\$87,616
Parish/Diocesan Assessments	\$360,519	\$300,024
Religious Education/Ministries	\$77,297	\$77,901
Sanctuary & Sacristy Expenditures	\$22,303	\$13,923
Operation Expenses	\$211,421	\$252,220
Total Expenses	\$1,059,027	\$984,649
Net Ordinary Income	\$58,364	\$127,582
Map Interest Income	\$15,420	\$2,702
Depreciation	(\$18,631)	(\$26,640)
Church Renovation Loan Interest	(\$9,379)	(\$9,368)
Net Income	\$45,774	\$94,276

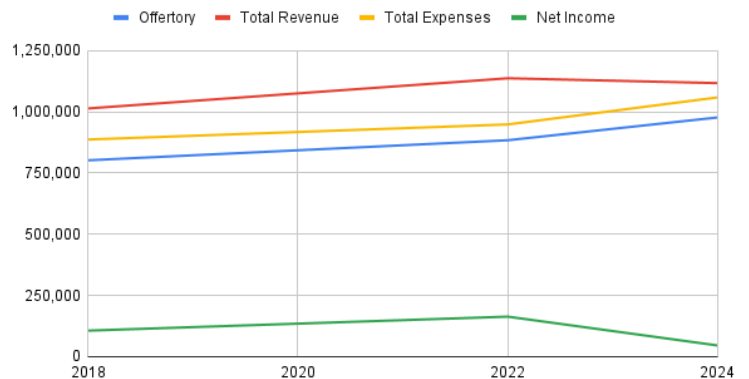
Our Mother of Sorrows Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
ASSETS		
Parish Checking	\$78,517	\$413,433
Parish Organizational Accounts	\$45,581	\$59,914
Capital Reserve Fund	\$75,000	\$75,000
Total Church	\$199,098	\$461,634
The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Fund		
Total Investment & Securities	\$537,365	\$251,944
Other Assets (Accounts Receivable, Inventory)	\$6,386	\$8,611
Fixed Assets, Net of Depreciation	\$588,648	\$507,116
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,331,639	\$1,304,447
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Accounts Payable	\$78,846	\$78,846
Note Payable - Altoona Johnstown Diocese	\$226,692	\$245,274
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$305,538	\$324,120
PARISH EQUITY	\$1,026,101	\$980,327
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$1,331,639	\$1,304,447

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and RCIA



Offertory, Total Revenue, Total Expenses and Net Income





Ministries

To channel our efforts and to ensure we are living our mission, we identified everything we do as a parish into our six areas of ministry. This allows us to focus our events and activities while striving to be a parish of evangelization and intentional discipleship.

Liturgy

Participating in the sacred liturgy of the Mass provides us with the opportunity to be in complete communion with Jesus Christ. We strive to make this experience impactful and welcoming to anyone who comes through our doors. From a friendly welcome to engaging music, we seek and hear clearly the message Jesus has for us. The celebration of Mass is the most important gift we can offer to everyone. We look forward to the weekends where we can, as a community, spend time in worship and fellowship.

Prayer

The power of prayer can often and easily be overlooked. We need to continually remind ourselves that it's through prayer that God speaks to us. Prayer allows us the opportunity to talk to God but more importantly is the opportunity to listen to God. Through our Prayer Ministry we have ministers that will pray for you, with you and pray for any intention you may be seeking. These prayer sessions are available weekly on Wednesday mornings, Sundays between Mass, and monthly on First Fridays. Prayer requests are also taken through our website and shared with our prayer ministers who pray daily for our intentions.

Operations

The operations of a parish this size and age encompass more than keeping the grass cut and the bills paid. While these details are necessary, it also requires direction and guidance from the Finance Council, Leadership Team, Parish Council and other parish leaders to always be aware of trends and insightful strategic thinking processes that we could be utilizing within our operations.

Liturgy of the Word Podcast



2,960
Downloads

YouTube



- 140,095 New Views
- 31,040 Hours of watch time
- 418 New Subscribers
- 62,422 Returning Viewers
- 13,882 New Viewers





Ministries Cont.

Outreach

The Great Commission from Jesus calls us to love and serve others. Our mission to "be a beacon of light in Johnstown" comes to life through our Outreach Ministries, serving both parish members and the wider community. This includes prayer requests to providing meals for families in need. Our Assistance Ministry helps us support those in our parish and beyond. Your generosity and support of these outreach efforts beautifully express your love for others.

Youth Ministry

With the dedication of our teachers and volunteers, we have walked alongside our students in their faith journey. Our Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass for K-2nd grade, Youth Formation between Masses for K-8, and High School Ministry for grades 9-12, we've provided students a path to encounter Christ at their level. We want them to know that they are loved and cared for by their parish family. We have prepared them for their sacraments, engaged over 75 kids during Vacation Bible School, and we pray for our graduates as they head into the world to find their calling.

Faith Formation

Our Parish Formation classes continue to grow, with a variety of options offered for everyone. With classes between Sunday Masses, weekly sessions during the day and evenings, and summer courses, we've brought together eager learners. Our small groups foster deep connections, and our Alpha Team has faithfully offered the Alpha course for 10 years. Even in the virtual world, our daily Liturgy of the Word and Sunday night Follow Your Faith programs have maintained and grown their faithful viewership. We should never stop seeking to understand God's plan for us all.

Outreach by the Numbers



- Stuff the Truck: 11 Nonprofits helped
 - ~1,945 lbs of goods + \$1,680 donated
- Over 20 blankets made for youth in our community
- 6 Meal Trains provided
- 30 volunteers helping with Joseph's Hands
- 1,837 calls to Assistance Ministry
 - \$115,983 dispersed last year
- 30 Homebound seniors served
- 54 blankets and shawls from Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Saint Vincent de Paul - food donation & help with meals for Saturdays Kitchen
- Bereavement/Journey Through Loss - support offered as needed

Youth Ministry by the Numbers



- 149 Youth participate in grades K-11
- \$1,600 donated for "Be Kind" signs
- Weekly Liturgy of the word for ages 4-7
- 75 Vacation Bible School participants
- 20+ Youth Summer Camp participants
- 29 Adults teaching and volunteering in Youth Ministry

Faith Formation by the Numbers



- 24 Baptisms
- 35 First Communicants
- 23 Confirmed
- 23 Funerals
- 12 Weddings
- 14 RCIA Candidates
- 12 Sunday Adult Faith Formation Classes
- 4 Weekday Adult Classes
- 170 Alpha Participants



Pastor's Report

STATE OF THE PARISH 23-24



Fr. Mark Begly

As we reflect over the past year there have been many amazing times that have shown me what a committed parish family we are to building and being a beacon of Christian Life here in Johnstown. We have grown in our desire to learn, our desire to worship, and our desire to serve. I witness everyday a unity within the parish to work together to bring the message of Christ to those seeking something in their lives. We have traveled a great journey together over the last 13 years. The changes the Holy Spirit has brought to us have changed our culture as Catholics to be able to understand more intimately the purpose God has for all of us. Together we help each other on this journey of knowing this man, Jesus Christ, and what is expected of us to share Him with others. Looking forward as a parish family, I am encouraged by the willingness of the parish to embrace this challenge and go boldly into the community declaring yourselves as believers. I am amazed at the number of little ones in the church each week, with their parents, seeking faith and a desire to know Jesus. We have become known as a welcoming parish to all, and for this I am so grateful. This state of the parish report is for you to see the awesome things you have done over the year. It has been through your prayer, your time and talents and of course your financial support that has made all this possible. I thank you for all of this and it honors me to serve along side of you. Together, compelled by the love of Christ, we will continue to shine long into the future as a church that loves one another, deepens our faith and transforms the world.

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS



The growing participation of little ones joining in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word demonstrates that there is a desire for our children to know Jesus.