

Dear Parishioners of Mother of Sorrows Parish,

I am happy to share with you this year's parish annual report titled *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. I am grateful to God for the many blessings that we continue to experience here at Mother of Sorrows Parish. In the past year, 124 new households registered in our parish, 58 children were baptized, 63 children received their first Holy Communion, 69 youth were confirmed, and eight youth and adults became members of the parish through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. Sunday attendance at Mass is at an all-time high, and more and more people are becoming active in a variety of parish ministries!

As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the universal Church. Our parish is not simply a local gathering spot; it is a living part of the Body of Christ, united with the Holy Father and Catholics worldwide in mission, prayer, and service.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick has challenged us to build a strong and vibrant parish community that will flourish well into the future — rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Our parish has responded generously to this call by nurturing discipleship, deepening faith formation, and reaching out with Christ's love to those in need.

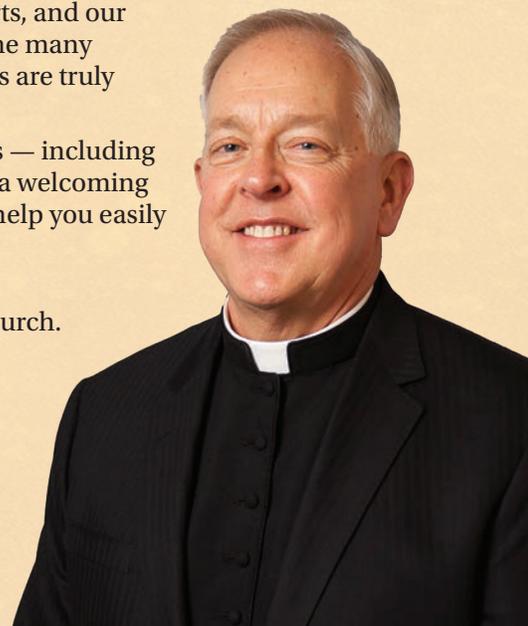
Through your prayers, time, and generosity, we continue to grow as a parish family united in Christ's mission. Our educational programs inspire the young, our sacramental preparation strengthens hearts, and our outreach ministers to the sick, the poor, and the elderly. We encourage you to explore the many ministries our parish has to offer and to consider joining us in this joyful work. Your gifts are truly needed and welcomed!

Looking ahead, we are grateful for your support as we undertake projects and programs — including painting and carpeting in the church and repaving the driveway — to make our church a welcoming place for all who worship here. For your convenience, a Giving QR Code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings are deeply appreciated as well.

Our parish is a blessing, not only to each other but also to the wider community and Church. Let us move forward together with thanksgiving in our hearts, confident that by strengthening our parish, we are answering the universal call to be living witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Pastor





OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

Our parish continues to be in sound financial shape. At the end of the last fiscal year, we were able to meet all our financial obligations and pay our bills and loans in a timely fashion. This is due to the generosity of many of our parishioners who see faithful stewardship as a way of life — living in a spirit of gratitude and showing that gratitude in generosity.

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

In last year's financial report, I noted that "We should be trending upward of 3-5 percent in the weekly collection each year to meet rising costs and to be able to expand and develop our ministries and programming."

I am happy to report that we had an increase of 7.7% in the Sunday offertory last year, as well as an increase in the level of giving! (See accompanying chart.) Thanks to all who helped us reach these goals!

OUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT

This fund is designated for capital projects to maintain and improve the church and school property. Each month we add to our savings account from the Sunday offertory, so we will have the funds available when we need them. The parish share of the annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal is also added to our savings account, as well as donations that are earmarked for specific projects.

This past year we spent \$51,400 to replace the gym roof and seal the church gutters; \$119,925 for the new school playground; \$27,958 to complete the parking lot landscaping; and \$55,656 on plumbing and HVAC repairs in the church and school buildings. We also put a downpayment of \$125,000 on the new lighting project.

As of June 30, 2025, the balance in the savings account was \$449,410, with these funds earmarked for the completion of the lighting system in the church, painting and installing new carpeting in the church, and repaving the main driveway.

Your ongoing support will enable us to stay on schedule with the regular maintenance and repair costs as set out in our 20-year master plan.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Mother of Sorrows Endowment Fund was established to provide a legacy of faith for future generations. Grateful for the gift of faith that we have received from our parents and those who came before us, we have the obligation to pass on our faith in a vibrant and thriving parish.



A Call to Serve

During the last fiscal year, we added \$44,598 to this fund, bringing our current balance to \$423,401. In order to meet future needs of the parish, we need an endowment of several million dollars. We hope to grow this fund by encouraging parishioners and friends of Mother of Sorrows Parish to leave a bequest to the parish in their will or estate plan.

2002-2004 CONSTRUCTION LOAN

The 2004 renovation of the church and school has allowed us to grow as a parish and accommodate many different groups and activities. For this, we are most grateful, but we must not allow the debt of the past to hinder the growth of new initiatives as our parish continues to expand.

Your generosity each week enables us to stay current on our debt payments. This is a great blessing. However, the reality is that one Sunday collection each month must be used to service this debt obligation.

We continue to make progress on these debts. In 2004, we took out a loan of \$6.4 million to fund the church and school renovation. As of June 30, 2025, the outstanding amount of that loan was \$2,281,973. It is scheduled to be paid off in January 2033.

THE BOTTOM LINE

The bottom line is that Mother of Sorrows Parish is a vibrant, prayerful, and thriving parish, but it continues to need your help. I am asking you to prayerfully consider your weekly commitment to Mother of Sorrows Parish:

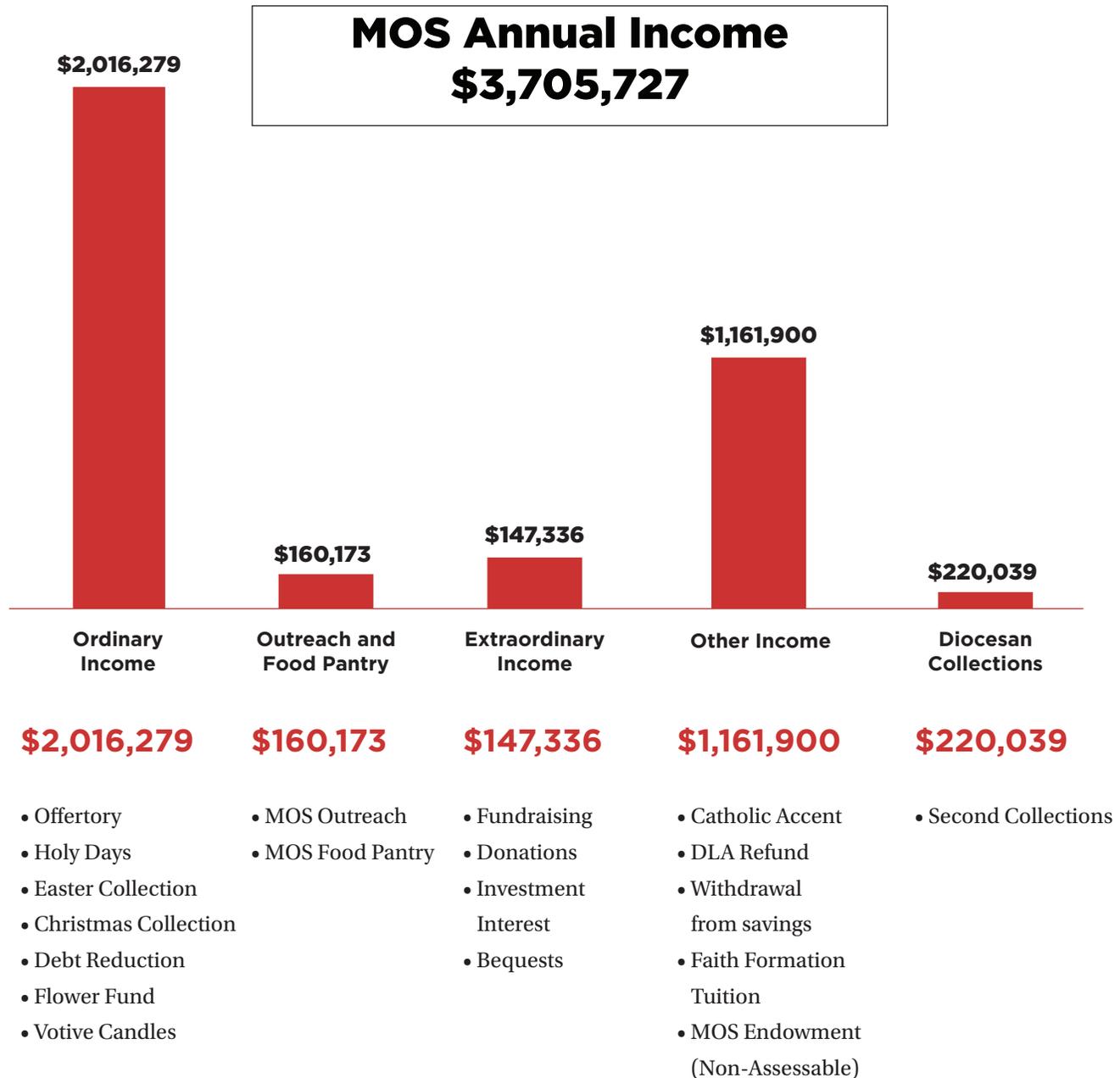
- As you reflect upon God's blessings in your life, are you able to show your gratitude by increasing your weekly contribution by 3-5%?
- Do you use the WeShare option for electronic giving to ensure that your support reaches the parish, even when you are away or not able to attend?
- Have you updated your will or estate plan to include Mother of Sorrows as a beneficiary of God's blessings in your life?

As stewards of Mother of Sorrows Parish, your increased offertory — combined with careful planning and financial management — will help us meet our day-to-day expenses, plan for capital improvements, and ensure that our community of faith continues to grow and thrive well into the future.

We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Whether as servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, or catechists, your ministry brings Christ's light to our community. Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office — we're here to guide you through every step, including the clearance process, so you can share your gifts confidently and joyfully.



Mother of Sorrows Parish Annual Report Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025



Financial Summary

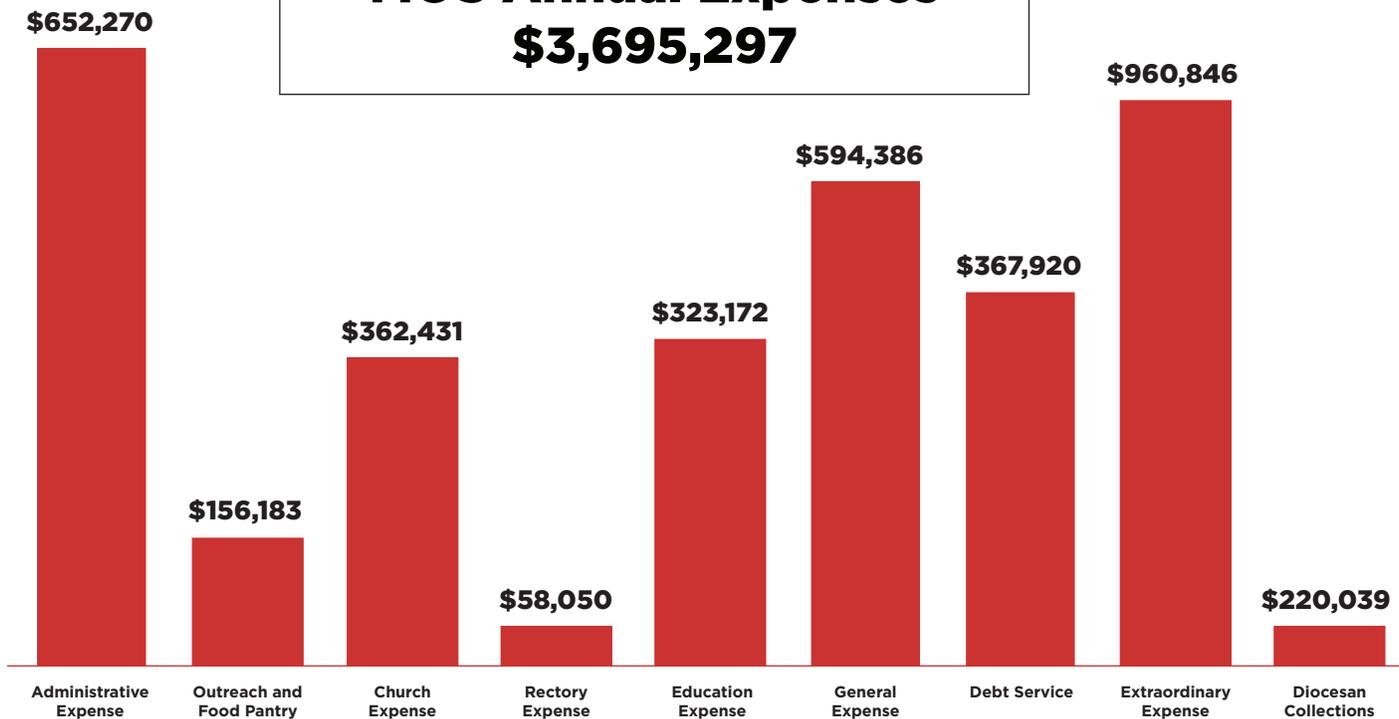
JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Total Income	\$3,705,727
Total Expense	(3,695,297)
Net Income	\$ 10,430

ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

Operating Account	\$ 136,048
Endowment Fund	\$ 423,401
Savings Account	\$ 449,410

MOS Annual Expenses \$3,695,297



ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:

Clergy and staff salaries, office expense (phones, supplies, postage, printing expenses, technology), Catholic Accent expense and Hospital Ministry expense

\$652,270

OUTREACH AND FOOD PANTRY:

Funding for MOS Food Pantry and local, national, and international outreach efforts

\$156,183

CHURCH EXPENSE:

Choir, liturgical, and sanctuary supplies, flowers, church and school maintenance and repairs, and parish-sponsored events and activities

\$362,431

RECTORY EXPENSE:

Meals, housekeeping, supplies, maintenance, and improvements

\$58,050

EDUCATION EXPENSE:

Catholic Education Assessment, faith formation expenses, youth ministry expenses and activities, and sacramental preparation expenses

\$323,172

GENERAL EXPENSE:

Utilities, employee health and pension benefits, Diocesan Assessment, property and liability insurance premiums, real estate taxes, and janitorial supplies

\$594,386

DEBT SERVICE:

Interest and principal payments on (a) the current debt obligation (\$2,281,973 as of June 30, 2025) incurred for the renovation and expansion of the Church and School in 2004 (the original obligation was \$6,350,000), and (b) the loan balance of \$138,091 (as of June 30, 2025) from the Catholic Institute of the Diocese of Greensburg

\$367,920

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE:

Extraordinary repairs to the church and school buildings and campus, funds added to the Reserve Savings Account for future capital projects, and funds added to the MOS Endowment Account

\$960,846

DIOCESAN AND OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Funds transferred to the Diocese for Second Collections

\$220,039

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,695,297

Our Shepherds

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church

Pope Leo XIV, elected in 2025 as the first American Pope, hails from Chicago. Before his election, he was Cardinal Robert Prevost. Known for his pastoral heart, theological clarity, and commitment to evangelization, Pope Leo brings a renewed focus to the vital role of the parish in the life of the universal Church. Pope Leo spent more than two decades in Peru, where he became a naturalized citizen and served as a missionary and Bishop. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, and also reads Latin and German.



The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of Greensburg

*Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., is the sixth Bishop of Greensburg, having been appointed by Pope Francis on December 18, 2020, and consecrated on February 11, 2021. He is the first native Bishop of the Diocese, hailing from Leechburg. His episcopal motto is *Christus est veritas* ("Christ is the truth"), reflecting his deep devotion to truth rooted in the Gospel. He is steadfastly committed to strengthening and nurturing our parishes, ensuring they remain vibrant centers of faith and service for generations to come.*

Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Pastor

Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, a native of Vandergrift, was ordained May 2, 1981, by Bishop William G. Connare. He has served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor in numerous parishes throughout the Diocese, as well as Director of the Office for Worship. In addition to his current role as Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export, and Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, he is a member of the Priests' Council and the College of Consultors for the Diocese of Greensburg. He is deeply dedicated to fostering the spiritual life of our parishioners through vibrant worship, lifelong faith formation, community outreach, and faithful stewardship.



Father David Slusarick, Parochial Vicar

Father David Slusarick, a native of Uniontown, has been serving the Diocese of Greensburg since his ordination in June 2024. He ministers as Parochial Vicar of our three parishes, and he is also Associate Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations for the Diocese of Greensburg. He brings a gentle spirit and a caring heart to his priestly ministry and a zeal for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in his daily ministry.

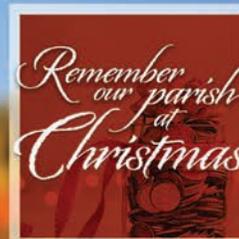
Father Jay Jacinto, Parochial Vicar

Father Jay Jacinto is one of our international priests, coming from the Diocese of Caceres in the Philippines. He recently returned from a visit to his family in the Philippines after celebrating his 20th anniversary of priestly ordination here at Mother of Sorrows Parish in June. He serves as Parochial Vicar in our three parishes, and he is also Campus Minister at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, where he seeks to foster a spirit of intentional discipleship in the students there.



Giving With Gratitude

This is our Giving QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, make your first gift, increase your weekly offertory, make a year-end gift, or donate in honor of or in memory of someone you love.



Or, visit our website to make a donation: MotherofSorrowsChurch.org and click on WeShare under the GIVING tab at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to *Mother of Sorrows Parish, 4202 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668.*

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households
2025: 2,492
2024: 2,392
2023: 2,299



Baptisms
2025: 58
2024: 58
2023: 58

Weddings

2025: 9
2024: 13
2023: 10



Funerals
2025: 53
2024: 53
2023: 49

Weekly Giving Statistics

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

2024	2025	LEVELS
25 families	30 families	> \$200
69 families	74 families	\$ 100 - 199
151 families	180 families	\$ 50 - 99
74 families	70 families	\$ 40 - 49
289 families	301 families	\$ 20 - 39
259 families	261 families	\$ 10 - 19
197 families	196 families	\$ 5 - 9
400 families	422 families	< \$ 5
928 families	958 families	\$ 0

Stewardship is a way of life. For Christians who follow in the way of the Lord Jesus, stewardship is an expression of discipleship. When we recognize that God is the origin of all life, the giver of everything that we have and are, we respond by thanking God through prayer, by serving God and God's people through ministry, and by sharing our financial resources with the Church and those in need. Stewardship is a way of life based upon conversion of heart.

Ministries in Action

Each week, specially trained Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who comprise our parish's Ministry of Care, visit the homes of dozens of individuals who are unable to attend Mass, sharing the Eucharist and the warmth of conversation. This group of parishioners also coordinates weekly Communion services at local senior care facilities to ensure Catholic residents there receive sacramental care and remain connected to our community of faith.

Mother of Sorrows Outreach enables parishioners to be doers of the Word and to stand by one another with compassion. Mother of Sorrows Outreach encompasses projects that support individuals and families with financial need, the lonely, the sick, and those who have served our country. Charitable initiatives include monthly food distribution in collaboration with the Westmoreland Food Bank, a pen pals program for the elderly, collection of school supplies and Christmas gifts for children in need, and the creation of handmade prayer shawls for those who are ill, lonely, or grieving.



Parish Financial History

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 2,016,279	\$ 1,954,825	\$ 1,754,147
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	160,173	137,792	139,257
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	147,336	159,930	63,656
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	322,202	132,801	83,175
Other Non-Assessable Income * <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	839,698	681,610	568,583
Special Collections	220,039	43,962	45,046
Total Income	\$ 3,705,727	\$ 3,110,920	\$ 2,653,864
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 808,453	\$ 829,828	\$ 758,876
Church	362,431	288,617	316,630
Rectory	58,050	52,144	32,475
Education and Ministry	323,172	295,035	312,722
General Expenses	594,386	527,896	471,797
Special Collections	444,939	43,962	45,046
Extraordinary Expenses **	1,103,866	983,204	791,686
Total Expenditures	3,695,297	3,020,687	2,729,232
Net Operating Income (Loss) ***	\$ 10,430	\$ 90,233	\$ (75,368)

* Included \$535,000 withdrawn from the Reserve Fund in FY25, and another \$130,000 and \$4,000 added in FY24 and FY23, respectively.

** Included \$294,000, \$408,000 and \$305,000 added to the Reserve Fund in FY25, FY24 and FY23, respectively.

*** Deficit in FY23 due to extraordinary expenses including repair of school roof and gutters, new campus signage, concrete and asphalt repairs, and remediation of water problems in rectory basement and school boiler room.

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