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ST MALACHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

GOOD NEWS REPORT

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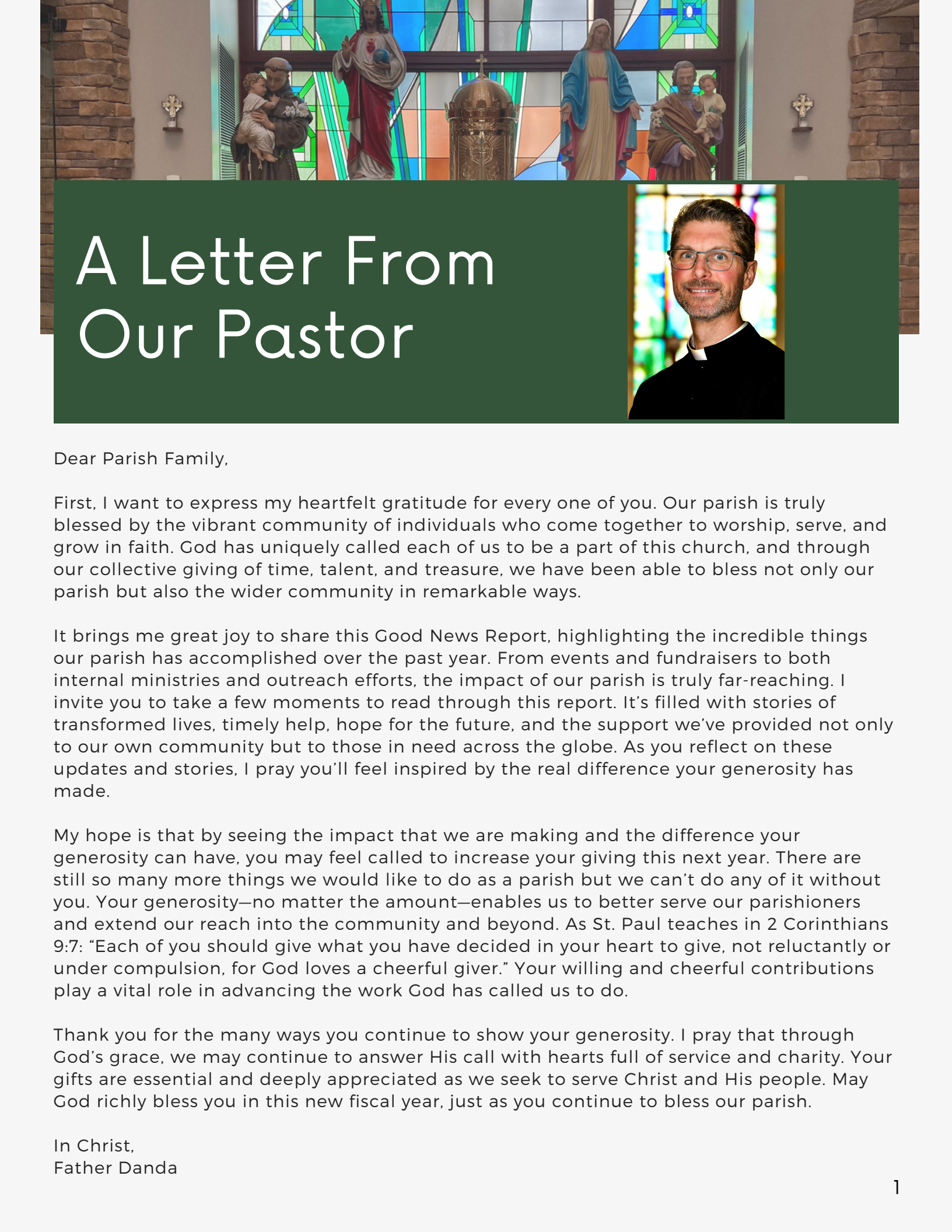
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A photograph of a church interior. In the background, there are statues of religious figures, including the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child, flanking a central altar area. Stained glass windows with geometric patterns are visible behind the statues. The scene is lit with warm, natural light.

A Letter From Our Pastor



Dear Parish Family,

First, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for every one of you. Our parish is truly blessed by the vibrant community of individuals who come together to worship, serve, and grow in faith. God has uniquely called each of us to be a part of this church, and through our collective giving of time, talent, and treasure, we have been able to bless not only our parish but also the wider community in remarkable ways.

It brings me great joy to share this Good News Report, highlighting the incredible things our parish has accomplished over the past year. From events and fundraisers to both internal ministries and outreach efforts, the impact of our parish is truly far-reaching. I invite you to take a few moments to read through this report. It's filled with stories of transformed lives, timely help, hope for the future, and the support we've provided not only to our own community but to those in need across the globe. As you reflect on these updates and stories, I pray you'll feel inspired by the real difference your generosity has made.

My hope is that by seeing the impact that we are making and the difference your generosity can have, you may feel called to increase your giving this next year. There are still so many more things we would like to do as a parish but we can't do any of it without you. Your generosity—no matter the amount—enables us to better serve our parishioners and extend our reach into the community and beyond. As St. Paul teaches in 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Your willing and cheerful contributions play a vital role in advancing the work God has called us to do.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to show your generosity. I pray that through God's grace, we may continue to answer His call with hearts full of service and charity. Your gifts are essential and deeply appreciated as we seek to serve Christ and His people. May God richly bless you in this new fiscal year, just as you continue to bless our parish.

In Christ,
Father Danda



Our Parish is Growing!

Each year brings new faces to our church. We have seen many baptisms, first communions, marriages and new families over the past year! See below for a snapshot of our vibrant church community!



Total Families:
1,925



First Communions:
100



Total Members:
5,752



Confirmations:
101



New Families:
122



Marriages:
12



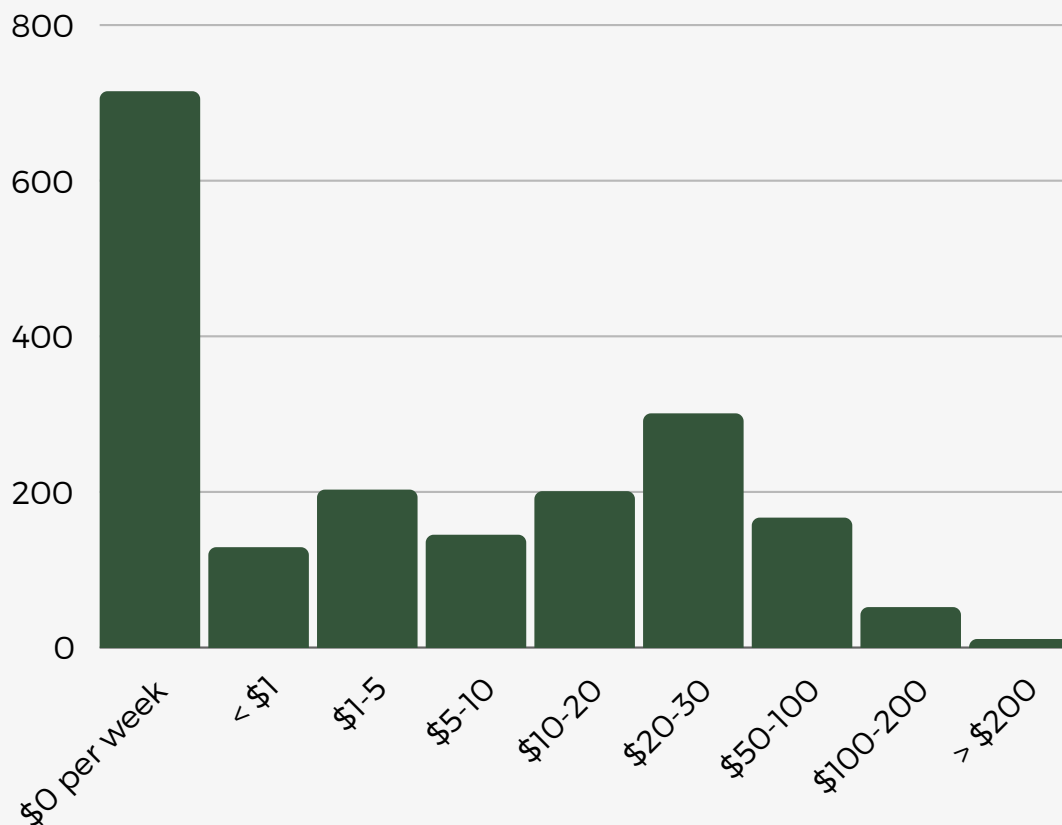
**Baptisms and
Professions of Faith:**
50



Deaths:
12

Sunday Collections

St Malachy continues to be blessed with many registered parishioners who donate their time, talent, and treasure to the parish community. Because of their generosity, St Malachy can sustain the spiritual and communal vibrancy of our church and school. In the last several years we have seen significant growth in new families joining our parish community and our school is presently at capacity with a wait list of students. As a result, the need to offer more ministries, add to our church and parish staff, and expand our facilities is rising rapidly. St Malachy has 1,925 registered families currently. Of these families, our records show 1,209 generously contribute to the weekly Sunday collections. In order for St Malachy to grow our parish community, we ask that all registered families prayerfully consider contributing or increasing their weekly contributions. A suggested weekly contribution of \$10, or an increase of \$10 to those who currently contribute, would significantly help the parish with our growth initiatives. Your support makes a difference! Thanks for your prayerful consideration.



Moving forward we plan to be personal and intentional in how we reach out to our parish family, while continually sharing where their funds are going. We have also made giving easier by providing a QR Code in the bulletin with links to online forms.



INTERNAL Ministries

St. Malachy has over 65 different ministries that we offer. Here is just a snippet of what some of our internal programs are doing.

We had over 300 children go through our **Religious Education Program** this year. Those students were taught weekly by volunteers and given new access to the Hallow App. We also implemented a new First Communion Program that is more parent friendly and engaging for our young students! Overall St. Malachy church invested **\$36,450** into our Religious Education Programs last year.

Our **Youth Ministry** continues to grow at a rapid rate! On average we have 30-35 High School Students coming to Journey each week and anywhere between 65-90 middle school student attending Quest each month. Our youth ministry students have also had the chance to go to a Pacer's game, NCYC, a Christian Concert, and even the National Eucharistic Congress this year. This has all been possible through fundraising and church contributions of **\$72,867**.

This past year the **Marriage on Purpose Ministry** has grown exponentially. Other parishes have begun to reach out asking for advice on how to do the same at their parish. Our annual conference has also become a highlight for many couples. A new family started attending Date Nights after joining the parish and said it made them feel connected to the community right away. Couples are loving the time together and free childcare we are able to provide. The church gave a total of **\$5,924** to our Marriage Ministry this year.





ST MALACHY SCHOOL NEWS

OUR MISSION

Our mission continue to be helping each student develop their God-given talents and inspire them to serve others in the spirit of Jesus.

This mission is made possible through the support of our talented educators, committed staff, devoted parents, and parish community, all of whom understand the importance of allowing our young people to live and experience their Catholic faith every day.



Principal: Sandra Kennison



Dean of Students: Lori McFarland



Office Manager: Lori Koontz

ENROLLMENT

- Total Enrolled: 512
- Preschool: 80
- Kindergarten: 48
- Avg Attendance Rate: 94%

FINANCIAL

- Total Income: **\$3,879,929**
- Total Expenses: **(\$3,877,683)**
- Net Profit: **\$2,246**
- Shamrock Spectacular Fundraiser: **\$24,159**

HIGHLIGHT

Enrollment Numbers Continue to Increase

St. Malachy Catholic School's enrollment numbers have been steadily increasing since 2019 reaching a peak enrollment of 513 students for the 2023-2024 school year. This is an increase of over 50 students in the past 5 years.

NEW TO US

Gym AV System

Having a new gym AV system has helped not only the school but our church ministries as well. It allows us to more easily give presentations and display videos in the gym making it a better meeting space for large groups.

Bark for Online Content Monitoring

Online monitoring helps protect students from bullying, unwanted websites and distractions.

Hallow App for Students, Teachers, and Staff

This new app allows for students, teachers, and staff to delve deeper into their faith through learning and praying together in an easy to use application.

New Security System

This system includes new security cameras, a visitor check in, and walkie talkies for staff to readily communicate across campus.

New Religion Curriculum

We have implemented new Religion lessons from Spirit of Truth from the Sophia Institute and aged based Theology of the Body from Ruah Woods and Jason Evert. We also have added Bibles to each classroom.

Smartboards

Each classroom has been outfitted with new Smartboards. These boards help teachers instruct in a dynamic way with interactive displays, video capabilities, and a touch screen!

OUTREACH

Ministries

We offer a wide range of ministries aimed at helping our local community and beyond. Here is just a glimpse into the massive impact these ministries have.

Beggars for the Poor travels to Downtown Indianapolis every other month to bring clothes, shoes, hygiene kits, drinks, snacks, a hot meal, religious booklets and rosaries to our local homeless community. Parishioners provide all the ingredients to make a hot meal and the manpower to make the food! While this ministry started with homeless men, there has been a drastic increase in homeless women and children. On average we serve between 120-150 people each trip. This ministry has 100% of its needs provided by the time and talent of our parishioners.

St. Vincent De Paul is a ministry that aims to help those in need in Hendricks County. They provide monetary support for people who need rent assistance, bill payment assistance, temporary housing assistance, and much more. One special story from this year was how they were able to help a family of 3 afford a short term stay at a hotel until the family had the means to support themselves. St. Malachy invested **\$6,925** into this ministry.

The Gabriel Project is a ministry focused on Mothers and their children. They also assist women at the Women's Prison in Indianapolis who were incarcerated while they were pregnant. If a woman has a short sentence, she is allowed to keep her child with her in prison in a separate ward from other inmates. The GP has visited the ward several times with gifts and clothes for the babies. They have also provided diapers, bathtubs, soaps and baby food many times. Deacon Dan even plays Santa Claus for our Christmas visits so the moms have pictures of their babies with Santa. The St. Malachy Gabriel Project supported mothers totaling **\$10,302** last year.



OUTREACH

Ministries CONT'D

The **St. Malachy Angel Tree** is a ministry that only operates once a year during the Holiday season but that doesn't stop them from making a last impact every year. Over 75 families and almost 20 individuals were blessed last Christmas by the Angel Tree providing each family with grocery gift cards, gas gift cards, clothes, coats, hats, and toys. We also provide everything needed to wrap gifts for the kids- wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, tape, etc. Last year's kids especially loved the bikes and Barbie Dream House! Aside from the gift donations, St. Malachy's Angel Tree raised **\$8,990**. Their funds are utilized for existing Angel Tree families and our parishioners seeking help during the Advent season.

Did you know St. Malachy also keeps a collection of gas and grocery gift cards for those in need who visit our parish? If someone visits our church looking for assistance we have support ready for them in the form of gift cards to help provide for whatever they may need. For larger requests, we send them to our other ministries but keep these on hand at the church to make sure we can bless all we encounter who need help. These gift cards are funded through our outreach accounts.

St. Malachy not only aids our local community but those beyond it as well. We continue support to our sister parish, St. Marguerite in Haiti. Our most recent donation included funds for the maternity clinic, dentist clinic and money to replace the St. Malachy Maternity Hospital's batteries. These funds are truly making way for life saving work. This past year St. Malachy sent **\$71,850** through our **Haiti Mission**.



The National Eucharistic Congress

St. Malachy Parish Staff got the special privilege of attending the National Eucharistic Congress. This once in a lifetime experience helped our staff take a unique look at how we operate as a staff and find ways to bring the Eucharistic Revival to our own Parish.

"It was such an impactful week that it is hard to articulate all that happened. It was an amazing feeling to be surrounded by 10,000 Catholics all looking to Jesus in the Eucharist. The speakers, the music, the adoration, the exhibits... it was all so powerful."

- Ashley Smith



There were tens of thousands of pilgrims who traveled to the Indianapolis area for the NEC. Due to the generous efforts of parishioners we were able to welcome over 140 pilgrims from all over the United States, Canada and Australia! We provided a place to camp, showers, daily hot breakfast, and snacks. Parishioners enjoyed the gift of giving while pilgrims were so grateful for the hospitality! **\$8,239** went in to making this such a grand success.



"...What a fun way to connect with other pilgrims, break bread together, and make new friends! St, Malachy really outdid itself! ... Thank you for the completely unexpected hospitality!"

- Leigh from Michigan

"You thought of everything! ... All the planning, the hours of responding to emails, the prep work on site, the BREAKFAST!"

- Anne from Wisconsin



Youth Ministry at the NEC

Youth Ministry has been taking quite a few “field trips” recently. We were blessed to attend two of these amazing outings locally: NCYC 2023 and the National Eucharistic Congress. Many of our teens experienced a deep conversion moment during Adoration/Praise and Worship during last November’s NCYC. Most of the 26 teens who attended now volunteer to be peer ministers more often and attend youth groups more regularly. The effects of that inspiring conference are still lasting! Similar sentiments can be expressed about our Youth Ministry trip to the National Eucharistic Congress with 30 middle and high school teens. Our teens found a new love for the Eucharist, with inspiring words from the best Catholic speakers (including Fr. Mike Schmitz!) and profound opportunities for prayer and Adoration. It is truly endearing to hear our teens talk about how their faith and relationship with Christ have been impacted by these wonderful events.

WHAT'S NEW?

Check out some of the new things happening at St. Malachy!

1st Bible Marathon:

This year we held our first Word Became Flesh Bible Marathon. Over the course of about 89 hours, with breaks for mass, 124 readers read the whole of sacred scripture in the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, exposed in the monstrance on the Altar. To read the whole of sacred scripture as a community was such a powerful declaration of Salvation History and the Good News over our parish and the world. We look forward to continuing this tradition.

Marian Grotto Update

June and July saw the beginning of the grotto development with pouring of the large concrete footer and building of the grotto structure itself. The patio with memorial brick pavers purchased by parishioners and landscaping have also been completed. The final paver installment will include the placement of a 16"x32" limestone paver with engraving of the Hail Mary prayer. We are excited about how the grotto is starting to come together and are confident that it will soon become a cherished part of our parish grounds. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, resources, and energy to this project.

Father Anthony Armbruster

This June, Father Anthony Armbruster joined the ranks of Father Sean Danda and Father Matthew Perronie as a newly ordained son of the Parish. St. Malachy is blessed that this group of men continues to grow and ask you to join us in praying for each of them as well as all seminarians as they answer God's call to the priesthood.

Solar Eclipse Party

April brought about a once in a lifetime experience where the total solar eclipse passed directly over our Parish. We celebrated with the first ever parish wide Sunblock Party. Over 100 people came out for some family fun, music, food, and games while we waited for the eclipse. Father Danda led us in a Divine Mercy Chapel just minutes before the sun was blocked completely and our parish got to experience the amazing beauty that is God's creation. Fun and fellowship were had by all!

ST. MALACHY WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Anthony Basso and his family have been parishioners of St Malachy for about 6 years. They are thrilled to be a part of such a vibrant and thriving community. He and his wife, Courtney, have two daughters -Isabella, a freshman at Indiana University and Luci - a 6th grader at St. Malachy.



Before joining the St. Malachy Staff as the **Director of Liturgy**, Anthony taught theology for 20 years at Cardinal Ritter High School where he also helped with Campus Ministry, Service, Catholic Identity, and Faculty Formation. He has a deep love of the liturgy, a passion ignited during his years working at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis from 2001 to 2004. When he's not pouring over all things liturgical you can find him reading, hiking, learning more about history, and listening to live music. Anthony is also currently in formation to be ordained a deacon in 2027. Please join us in prayer for his formation!

Ashley Smith and her husband Darren have been parishioners at St. Malachy since they moved to Brownsburg in 2016. They have 3 boys (Gabriel 10, Levi 7, Isaac 3) with their newest little due in January. Ashley started part-time in January as a Ministry Coordinator and transitioned to full-time in July as the **Director of Communication and Outreach**. With a degree in Communication and Marketing, and years of experience as a Director of Marketing, she brings a wealth of expertise to her role at St. Malachy. In this position, she oversees all church communications, both internal and external, while leading a talented team managing the bulletin, enewsletter, social media, digital media, and print for both the church and school.

When she is not at work, you can find Ashley planning the next marriage ministry date night, running after her boys, or attempting to tackle whatever fitness kick she's on this time. She is very passionate about improving communication, encouraging others to get to know Jesus personally, and thrives on the challenge of making a large parish like St. Malachy feel welcoming and personal for everyone.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW SUMMARY

June 30, 2024

With the help of our generous parishioners, we are able to provide for the spiritual needs of our families. We do this with our mission always at the forefront, *C.L.O.V.E.R., Grow Closer.*

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Cash	\$	1,280,891
Restricted Cash		120,264
ADLF Deposits *		864,362
Accounts Receivable		62,563
Prepaid Expenses		70,860
Endowments		1,798,617
Other Assets		7,457

Total Assets \$ **4,205,014**

Liabilities

Parish Mortgage	\$	4,281,139
Accounts Payable		46,604
Deferred Revenue		153,574
Designated Funds		333,604
Restricted Funds		104,559
Other Liabilities		248,135

Total Liabilities \$ **5,167,615**

*Archdiocesan Deposit and Loan Fund (savings account)

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Revenues

Sunday Collections	\$	1,942,989
Other Donations		443,307
Tuition		2,903,630
Fees		455,782
Fundraising		294,238
Sales		282,445
Other Income		257,702
Interest and Endowment		93,672
Restricted Income		36,678

Total Revenues \$ **6,710,443**

Expenses

Salaries	\$	2,958,905
Benefits		756,131
Training and Education		17,870
Assessments		476,665
Interest and Bank Fees		232,848
Administrative		161,178
Other Expenses		65,276
Fundraising		191,060
Utilities		182,269
Properties and Facilities		529,058
Spiritual Life		55,086
Program and Instructional		519,530

Total Expense \$ **6,145,876**

Excess Revenues Over Expenses \$ **564,567**



Overall, the parish's financial performance was better than budgeted. From the excess revenue, \$260,662 was used toward our principal and interest payments on the parish mortgage. The remaining excess revenues were retained to strengthen our cash reserves. These funds will be needed for expensive facility repairs, such as the Spring 2025 church roof repair as promoted during the 2024 Country Fair. Overall, our parish and community continue to thrive. We see this through the parish membership continuing to rise, school enrollment increasing, and more engaged parishioners throughout all ministries.



WAYS TO GIVE

And Support the Ministries of St. Malachy Catholic Church



ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC CHURCH PROVIDES A PLACE OF WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH,
CALLING ALL TO LOVE, SERVE AND EVANGELIZE WITH JOY!



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GIFTS OF STOCK

Financial security gifts can be donated through the Archdiocese of Indianapolis designated for St. Malachy.

Prayer for Unity in Christ Within the Catholic Church and Our St. Malachy Parish

Oh Jesus, you have said, "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." We ask, Lord, that you also conquer our hearts so that we may be one in you, transformed by your grace.

You made us to be in the world but not of it. Save your Church from the ways of this world, from the division and hostility of this present age, from apathy and coldness towards those around us. Give us the grace to love one another with the fire of perfect charity, set ablaze with the light of your truth. Let us be a sign of unity in this time and place. Let our unity be in you, and not in the passing fashions and views of this age. Open our hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit, and let our first response to one another be love and prayer.

Lord, we thank you for our brothers and sisters and ask you to bless all of your children. Give us the grace to accept and celebrate the one wondrous variety among your children.

Jesus, we are yours. Make us more fully your own. Amen.