

Our Lady Queen of Peace ANNUAL REPORT 2024 2025



Dear Friends,

We are happy to present to you the financial report for Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. This report serves as an overview of parish finances. As you know, we have had some financial challenges and concerns, but I feel confident that we have risen to the challenge and that we are moving in the right direction in establishing a solid financial base for the parish. More than just numbers, this report also highlights your generosity, your participation in the parish and its programs, and your overall contribution to our parish mission. I like to think of this as a celebration of God's grace! This report is a testament to your faithfulness and kindness.

Your continued gifts of treasure support the operations of the parish. Your contributions directly impact all who participate in faith formation, the school, evangelization, parish outreach, social justice, liturgy, and many other activities. It is these things that define us as a community of faith.

My thanks to all our parish staff for the work that they do in making so many of our activities a reality. But at the heart of all of this is your involvement and support for what we do here. We live as a community of faith.

May God continue to bless each of you and our parish for your goodness and faith. Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for Us.

Blessings!

Very Rev. Brian J. Wilk ♦ *Pastor*



TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE IMPACT

Our Parish Stats

	2022	2023	2024
Total Number of Households	2,852	2,922	2,989
18-40	1,843	1,955	1,926
41-64	2,025	2,042	2,379
65+	1,388	1,459	1,681
Total Number of Adults	5,256	5,456	5,986
Total Number of Children	1,675	1,684	2,195
Parishioners in Parish	6,931	7,140	8,181
Mass Attendance	-	63,735	71,015



Worship & Sacraments

	2022	2023	2024
Baptisms	62	40	57
Annual Communions	46,535	117,041	130,560
Confirmations	34	30	33
Marriages	10	4	11
Funerals	38	45	54
First Communions	81	75	64

Growing in Faith

	2022	2023	2024
Religious Education Students	206	140	222
Adult Faith Formation Participants	156	172	210
After School Programs	95	84	77
School Students	481	489	490

Service

	2022	2023	2024
Eucharistic Ministry	198	232	256
Religious Education Ministry	15	14	15
Liturgical Ministry	435	776	905
Lay Catechists	11	18	18

172 DISCIPLES
putting in 2,561 HOURS
of Social Action and Hospitality
service in 2024-2025



WE OFFER
53 MINISTRIES

LITURGY & MUSIC



Our Lady Queen of Peace Liturgy & Pastoral Music ministries have helped us pray well this year! Our liturgical ministries have over 1,500 volunteers involved that help us to celebrate Mass and liturgies each weekday and weekend. This year, we have added new banners and decor to our Art & Environment to make the church welcoming and help us to get into the season. Our ministers continue to grow in being leaders for our liturgies through group formation sessions, minister gatherings, and weekly rehearsals.



Ministries

- Lectors
- Commentators
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Altar Servers
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Art & Environment Team
- Church Cleaning & Altar Care group
- Sacristans
- Cantors
- Adult Choir
- Contemporary Choir
- Contemporary Youth Choir
- Children's Choir
- Cherub Choir
- Handbell Choir
- Resurrection Choir
- Instrumentalists
- Organists & Pianists
- Taize Prayer
- Contemplative Prayer
- Outdoor Gardening Group
- Wedding Coordinators

SCHOOL



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024–2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Academic Excellence

Our Lady Queen of Peace School continued to lead the Diocese in **academic achievement**, with students consistently performing at the top across grade levels. QP graduates continue to be recognized as leaders in academics, leadership, and service at local high schools.

- **Science of Reading and Orton-Gillingham:** All K–3 teachers completed certification in both programs, ensuring that every child builds a strong literacy foundation.
- **Math Mastery:** Our math program provides a solid foundation in problem-solving and critical thinking, culminating in opportunities for advanced students to take geometry in 8th grade on the QP campus.
- **Exceptional Student Support:** Students receive personalized instruction and enrichment opportunities tailored to their needs with two Reading Specialists, in the Lit. Lab for primary students, and two Academic Specialists in the H.U.B., dedicated to middle school. In addition, our **two school counselors** specialize in different age levels to nurture students' social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. We are also blessed with a **full-time school nurse** who ensures the health and safety of our entire community.
- **STEM and Enrichment:** Students explored engineering principles in the beloved 5th Grade Egg Drop Challenge and showcased their knowledge through weekly Current Events Jeopardy competitions, combining creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. They also participated in Digital Citizenship learning, using technology as a tool for collaboration, creation, communication, and critical thinking – key components of our Future Ready framework.

The Arts and Extracurricular Life

Our students' creativity shone through an extraordinary array of fine arts and extracurricular opportunities.

- **Music & Band:** Over **100 students** in grades 4–8 participated in band, and more than **150 students** sang in our choirs spanning 4K–8th grade.
- **Theater Production:** The **Middle School musical, Frozen Jr.**, was a resounding success, welcoming **over 750 audience members** and showcasing our students' exceptional talent and teamwork.
- **Evenings Like Knight of the Arts:** Every few years, our fine arts department celebrates our arts with a display and demonstration evening, which draws **over 1,000 visitors**. It features visual art, band, theater, and even digital art displays, highlighting creativity in every medium.

Faith, Service, and Community

Faith in action remains at the heart of everything we do.

- **Houses of Faith:** Students shared joy through service, decorating and delivering **over 30 pumpkins** to community members in need. The Allied Drive food drive and Angel Tree donations each cash and purchase items for those in need.
- **Charitable Giving:** Through our **School Store** and **Hot Chocolate Sales**, students raised **over \$4,000 for charity**, embodying compassion and stewardship.
- **Fun Run:** With **485 students participating**, our annual Fun Run raised nearly **\$20,000** to support enrichment programs that expand learning beyond the classroom.

A Year to Remember

From spiritual growth and academic excellence to creative expression and joyful service, 2024–25 has been a year that truly reflects our mission: **“Love in every word, Respect in every action, Confidence in every heart.”**

Adult Formation

Growing in Faith is at the heart of our parish life, and this year we saw incredible engagement and growth. Adults deepened their understanding through Bible Study groups, Small Christian Communities, Spiritual Book Clubs, pilgrimages, and inspiring presentations. Families accessed new resources in our parish library and joined in prayer events that strengthened our community. In 2024–2025, we hosted dynamic speakers, offered four Bible Study groups involving over 60 participants, and celebrated our first pilgrimage to Rome with more than 30 pilgrims. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue this journey with a planned pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and Notre Dame for over 35 participants – helping more people know Jesus and share His love every day.

Young Adult Group

Our Young Adult Ministry continues to thrive as a space for faith, fellowship, and service. Gathering several times each month, young adults connect through prayer, faith-based movies, and meaningful service projects. This year included a special collaboration with the Racial Justice Group for a multigenerational movie event that sparked great discussion and community building. Looking ahead, we are excited to expand our outreach by helping bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass – living out our mission to share Christ's love in tangible ways.

Youth Formation

Our Youth Ministry is dedicated to helping young people grow in their relationship with God, the Church, and their call to live as people of faith. Through Sunday sessions, retreats, speakers, small groups, and service trips, we nurture faith and friendship. This year included a vibrant Disciple Camp, providing the cast for the 100th Capitol Christmas Pageant, serving in shelters, and sharing prayer and fellowship. Looking ahead, we are excited to expand opportunities with both a high school and college mission trip – continuing to form disciples who live their faith every day.

Men's Prayer and Study Group

The QP Men's Prayer and Study Group provides a meaningful space for men of the parish (ages 16 and older) to grow in faith and community. Meeting twice monthly, the group engages in prayer – ranging from Scripture reflection to the Liturgy of the Hours – and explores topics that deepen understanding of Catholic life. Discussions include Church history and traditions, the lives of Saints, and current events, all with the goal of strengthening how we live our faith daily. Through prayer and study, this ministry fosters spiritual formation and encourages men to integrate their faith into every aspect of life.

CONNECTION

Stewardship

Stewardship is more than financial giving. It is a grateful response to God's blessings by sharing our time, talents, and treasure to glorify Him and bring joy to others. To strengthen this spirit, we formed a Gratitude and Hospitality Committee this year to ensure Our Lady Queen of Peace remains a welcoming parish. We resumed New Member Welcome Brunches, hosting over 100 individuals and families to connect with parish life. Volunteers provided comfort through funeral luncheons and monthly Hospitality Weekends, serving more than 4,680 donuts, 1,920 cookies, and 6,130 beverages. These acts of service reflect the generosity of parishioners who make hospitality a cornerstone of our community. Together, we continue to build a parish rooted in gratitude and service.



Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Ministry embodies what it means to live faith throughout life's journey. Through Home Communion visits, hospital outreach, care facility Masses, social events, and ministries like Elizabeth and Bereavement, we offer comfort and connection. This year, we brought the Eucharist to more than a dozen homebound parishioners and welcomed every newly baptized child with a handmade Baptismal shawl – tangible signs of God's love and our parish family's care.

Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC)

The Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC) serves over 6,000 individuals each year, primarily low-income families and immigrants, by providing essential support and opportunities for growth. Our mission is to welcome all people and meet immediate needs while fostering education, community integration, and cultural enrichment. Key programs include a twice-weekly food pantry, daily free hot meals, English as a Second Language classes, low-cost immigration legal services, employment assistance, mental health support for immigrants, family programming in Spanish, and cultural events. These services are made possible through the dedication of more than 750 volunteers annually, ensuring that anyone in need finds help and hospitality at CMC. **Your continued generosity makes this work possible. Although we have transitioned administratively to Catholic Charities in 2025, every gift helps us feed the hungry, support families, and build a stronger, more inclusive community.**



FOOD PANTRY & FREE MEAL PROGRAM

3,773

Pantry Visits

141,277

Pounds Distributed

6,217

Pounds Donated by QP

14,206

Actual Meals Served



ESL CLASSES

132

STUDENTS

From 24 Countries and
12 Languages

4

SESSIONS

of Class Offered Between
CMC Beld St and CMC West



EMPLOYMENT SEARCH ASSISTANCE OFFICE

1,453
HOURS

of Time Assistance
Provided

158

Clients who Reported
Obtaining Employment



IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

124

Individuals Approved
for an Immigration Benefit

449

New Individual
Consultations Held

335

Cases Opened

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council 4527 is honored to serve alongside the Queen of Peace community. Thanks to your generosity during our Tootsie Roll drive, we contributed thousands of dollars to Special Olympics and organizations supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities. Your donations to our *Charity Starts With You & Me* campaign provided homeless students in Madison with backpacks, school supplies, clothing, and gift cards. We also sponsored seminarians, gleaned thousands of pounds of produce for local families, and distributed over 100 coats for kids through the CMC. In addition, we proudly remain the longest-running sponsor of West Madison Little League. **Thank you for making these acts of service possible!**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul made a meaningful impact through service and generosity. We hosted successful spring and fall Big Truck collections for food, personal care, and household items, and supported dozens of families through the Little Drummer Boy Christmas program. Parishioners responded generously to the Recycle the Warmth drive, donating blankets and bedding for those in need. Most importantly, we provided critical assistance with rent, energy costs, and other needs – helping families, including those within our parish, during times of hardship. Through more than 115 home visits, we connected with 168 adults and 133 children, and thanks to your continued support through PushPay and blue bucket donations, we were able to serve hundreds of people throughout the year.



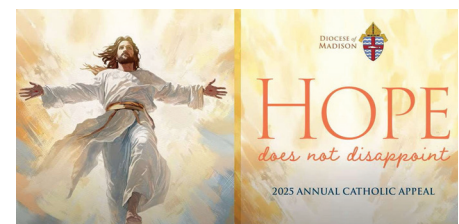
2021 - 2024 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT	JUL 2020 - JUN 2021	JUL 2021 - JUN 2022	JUL 2022 - JUN 2023	JUL 2023 - JUN 2024
REVENUE				
Offertory Income	\$2,007,462	\$2,010,727	\$ 2,145,954	\$2,188,306
School Tuition & Fees	2,107,042	2,350,650	2,700,703	2,618,603
Endowment Contribution	90,000	92,045	105,000	115,000
School & Family	57,669	220,306	238,283	324,939
Program Revenue	25,932	178,862	189,711	235,149
Unrestricted Contributions	108,000	51,050	44,413	19,168
Other Income	85,842	172,016	184,412	184,110
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,481,947	\$5,075,655	\$ 5,608,475	\$5,685,275

EXPENDITURES				
Payroll & Professional Expenses	\$ 3,588,521	\$ 3,783,917	\$4,330,090	\$ 4,394,098
Instructional & Program	212,010	398,233	482,394	512,414
Nurse Program	23,104	17,316	23,873	21,974
School & Family Expenses	60,412	115,926	143,009	128,595
Worship & Parish Life	72,812	44,113	79,215	94,508
Facilities & Maintenance	442,211	539,769	501,651	645,832
Administrative Expense	336,145	329,226	303,495	333,956
Professional & Contracted Services	180,598	165,795	247,709	249,814
Communications	42,897	37,571	42,478	42,519
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,958,709	\$5,431,866	\$ 6,153,914	\$6,423,711

Net Operating Revenue (Loss)	(\$476,762)	(\$356,211)	(\$545,439)	(\$738,436)
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ADJUSTMENTS	CAMPAIGN	JUL 2024 - JUN 2025
July 2020 - June 2021 \$1,458,450	Respect Life Collection	\$7,138
July 2021 - June 2022 (\$367,738)	International Combined Collection	\$23,911
July 2022 - June 2023 \$ 1,498,152	Bless Our Priests Collection	\$4,110
	Holy Land Collection	\$1,277
	National Combined Collection	\$10,642
	CMC Giving	\$91,259
	Sister Parish, Chiapas	\$8,501
	Saint Vincent de Paul Donations	\$6,952
	Maintain our Vision	\$42,186
	Universal Church Support	\$14,653

Non-recurring revenue sources (e.g., PPP funding, significant bequests, and one-time grants) were excluded to provide a normalized operating trend.



ACA CAMPAIGN 2025

\$299,148.79 Given
\$222,489 Goal
134.46% Paid to Goal
484 Givers

2025 FISCAL YEAR PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT	CHURCH	SCHOOL	TOTAL
REVENUE			
Offertory Income	\$2,476,323	-	\$2,476,323
School Tuition & Fees		2,608,704	2,608,704
Endowment Contribution		122,000	122,000
School & Family		302,125	302,125
Program Revenue	42,021	-	42,021
Unrestricted Contributions	66,945	-	66,945
Other Income	73,831	287,407	361,238
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,659,121	\$3,320,235	\$5,979,357

EXPENDITURES			
Payroll & Professional Expenses	\$1,007,013	\$3,662,012	\$4,669,025
Instructional & Program	265,834	389,919	655,753
Nurse Program	20,997	707	21,704
School & Family Expenses	-	144,437	144,437
Worship & Parish Life	80,134	332	80,466
Facilities & Maintenance	385,871	212,385	598,255
Administrative Expense	113,916	156,829	270,745
Professional & Contracted Services	114,100	70,643	184,743
Communications	36,400	548	36,948
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,024,264	\$4,637,813	\$6,662,077

Net Operating Revenue (Loss)	\$634,857	(\$1,317,577)	(\$682,720)
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ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 6/30/2025	30-JUN-25	30-JUN-24	CHANGE
BANK ACCOUNTS			
Operating Cash	\$320,879	\$425,750	(\$104,871)
Mass Stipend	12,409	11,774	635
School & Family	272,500	205,961	66,539
TOTAL	\$605,788	\$643,485	(\$37,697)

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS			
Unrestricted	\$537,848	\$1,360,070	(\$822,222)
Restricted Endowment	3,637,530	3,360,293	277,237
TOTAL	\$4,175,378	\$4,720,363	(\$544,985)



Our Mission

Our Lady Queen of Peace is a large, vital community of believers challenged by Christ's call to help build the Kingdom of God.

Our Vision

Worship. Grow. Connect. Serve.



QUESTIONS

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