



40th Anniversary  
St. Margaret of York

# STATE OF THE PARISH

## 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

This is my first time sending out an annual report for our parish, and I am happy to inform you about some of the important things that have been going on here in 2023/2024. This is also the conclusion of my first year as your pastor, and I am very grateful to the many wonderful people of this parish who have made me feel so welcome. Your example of faith and generosity has energized my priesthood, and I am very grateful to all of you. It is also a privilege to serve with Fr. Stephen Hughes, who is with us during his first years of priesthood. It is good to have his energy and enthusiasm.

2024 has been an eventful year for us. Many new parishioners have joined this community as they have moved into the area; we have had Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations. Young couples were married here; and we said goodbye to some members of the parish who were called from this life to go home to God.

This year has seen some practical repairs here, the continual improvement of the quality of our academics, a careful assessment of the security of our campus, and a new and safer entrance to our school building. We have also managed to maintain a strong financial position through all of this, as you will see in the report included in our newsletter.

Also, in 2024, the parish celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding. This reminds us that for 40 years the Catholic Community of St. Margaret of York has been making a difference in this part of Southwest Ohio, bringing people to Jesus through His Word and Sacraments.

But, behind all the numbers, statistics, buildings and anniversaries, there are the people of St. Margaret of York: All of you who make up our One Parish Family. This is the real story of what has been happening here for the past year. It is a story of faith, commitment, worship, service, ministry, stewardship, and, above all, love. This comes from the gift of God's presence and care for all of us and makes our community a vibrant and wonderful place to live, work and pray.

On a personal note, I am very grateful to be here with you and blessed to be your pastor. May God bless you, the family of this holy and wonderful parish, for all you do to make His Kingdom more visible to the world!

FR. ED SMITH



NEW ST. MARGARET ICON FOR SCHOOL

### OUR PEOPLE

**HOUSEHOLDS 1,443**  
(FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH)

**MEMBERS 5,304**

**NEW HOUSEHOLDS 142**

**NEW MEMBERS 409**

**MEMBERSHIP INCREASED BY 12% IN 23/24 FISCAL YEAR**

# BUILDING FAITH & KNOWLEDGE

Our 2023/2024 school year was themed "Go Out To All The World And Tell The Good News". We were certainly full of good news last year at St. Margaret of York School. SMOY was blessed with welcoming 584 students into the school! We received the wonderful honor of being named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School, and all of us are excited to see the great plans God has for St. Margaret of York School as we embark on the 2024/2025 school year with great growth and opportunity ahead. Our 626 students will focus on this year's theme, "We Are All God's Children." Our school is going through a beautiful renovation and will be a place where our students, teachers, and staff gather to grow in knowledge, faith, and community.



STUDENTS IN THE CHURCH



STUDENTS & SACRED HEART STATUE

## FAITH FORMATION

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT **584**

FAMILY FAITH **403**

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES **281**  
(TOTAL OF ALL SESSIONS)

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD **34**

## SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISMS **91**  
(UP TO AGE 7)

MINOR BAPTISMS **5**  
(AGE 7 - 17)

ADULT BAPTISMS **9**  
(AGE 18+)

FIRST COMMUNION **100**

CONFIRMATION **85**

RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION **21**  
(CHRISTIAN INITIATION)

MARRIAGES & CONVALIDATIONS **6**

HOURS OF RECONCILIATION **3HRS**  
(WEEKLY AVERAGE)

FUNERALS **9**

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

FAMILY, YOUTH, & COMMUNITY

This past year, our Faith Formation Team has focused reviewing practices to evaluate how to best serve our families from birth through high school. Our primary religious education program, formerly PRP which offered online or weekly in person classes, has been transformed into Family Faith, a whole family catechesis model. Family Faith is a monthly program that allows students to learn the faith in the classroom with their peers while parents are equipped to continue these conversations at home fully integrating faith as part of our families' daily lives.

Our First Communion preparation program continues in the strong direction it began in the previous year, bringing our First Communion students together outside of the classroom multiple times per year to highlight coming together in community at Our Lord's Table. Our Confirmation program began the transition to a model that focuses on preparing students for life as adult Catholics and taking ownership of their faith. These changes will be further implemented in the coming year.

FAMILY OF PARISHES  
YOUTH GROUP HAD  
ABOUT **20** TEENS ON  
A REGULAR BASIS



32% INCREASE IN CHRISTIAN INITIATES IN  
2023-2024 THAN IN PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR

For our smallest Catholics, our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, a preschool Montessori religious education model, is growing. We were able to offer 2 classes this past year and are expanding to 3 classes this coming year. We have several catechists in training to continue to offer and grow this piece of our faith formation program. Fr. Stephen Hughes has spearheaded rejuvenating our youth ministry program for middle schoolers and high schoolers in conjunction with St. Columban.

The Evangelization Team, consisting of Adult Faith Formation, Youth Faith Formation, and Communications, began collaborating to offer a faith focus for the year across the parish. The fruits of these efforts can be most easily seen by checking out the Domestic Church Corner of the bulletin. For the coming year, we hope to continue to develop deep and meaningful programs to engage our youth and families.



40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS



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## A JOURNEY OF ADULT FAITH & FELLOWSHIP



Amazing is the best word to describe this past year in terms of our Adult Faith Formation, and we give all thanks and praise to Almighty God for making it that way. There were 21 adults received into the Catholic Church through RCIA on the Easter Vigil, with 9 adult baptisms. Our RCIA candidates were so numerous that we needed to reach out beyond our 14 person RCIA Team to invite new sponsors to help. What a blessing that so many sponsors responded to the Holy Spirit and stepped in to walk with our RCIA candidates and catechumens on their faith journey. With over 150 adults enrolled in our WOW (Wisdom of the Word) Bible studies, we were blessed to learn how to evangelize with the help of Fr. John Riccardo as our guide and to learn more about the origins and authors of the Gospels. We are ready to take on more for the Lord in the 2024-2025 year as we answer His call to be the workers of His harvest.



GROUND BREAKING

## EMBRACING GENEROSITY: SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

On behalf of the Finance Committee of St. Margaret of York and the entire staff, we wish to thank you for your continued generous financial support. In the Gospels, Jesus calls us to radical generosity. The Old Testament tradition of giving the first 10% of our gifts is a wonderful way to praise and thank our Lord for the generosity that He has bestowed upon us. These gifts given with a grateful heart support the church's mission to go and make disciples.

There are many ways in which to give this support to the Parish:

- Dropping envelopes in the collection basket at weekly Mass
- Donating online via our WeShare platform
- Stock donations (this method typically offers meaningful tax advantages)
- Using required IRA distributions (typically saves taxes on those distributions)
- Employer Matching gift programs if offered

Please feel free to contact Kathy McGaughy, our Parish Business Manager with questions about any of these options. We again thank you for your support!



HOLY HALLWAY CANDLES

## CLOSE THE GAP

**\$1,583,272**

(BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2024)

**\$50,000**

(ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT MADE IN FEBRUARY 2024)

EXPECTED PAY OFF DATE

**JUNE 2028**

# MANAGING OUR BLESSINGS

## PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Offertory ( <i>weekend, EFT, WeShare</i> )	\$1,641,694	\$1,504,104
Outreach ( <i>Special Collections - CRS, Retired Religious, etc.</i> )	\$25,842	\$25,842
Parish activities ( <i>Festival, Bulletin, Fish Fry, etc.</i> )	\$174,713	\$114,897
Close the Gap ( <i>Debt Reduction</i> )	\$50,000	\$50,000
Insurance Claims/AoC subsidies, etc.	\$206,900	\$0
Other ( <i>Interest</i> )	\$16,788	\$9,000
	<b>\$2,115,937</b>	<b>\$1,703,843</b>

EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Parish Staff, Taxes, Benefits	\$529,917	\$517,374
Utilities Parish	\$62,429	\$71,956
Rectory	\$14,802	\$31,660
Parish Ministries - Adult, Youth, Outreach	\$148,109	\$136,406
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$26,717	\$33,600
Maintenance, Repairs, & Property	\$190,505	\$257,291
Property Taxes & Insurance	\$38,985	\$46,030
Diocesan Assessment	\$156,422	\$162,067
Loan Repayments & Interest	\$337,178	\$352,044
	<b>\$1,505,064</b>	<b>\$1,608,428</b>

## CONNECT WITH US!

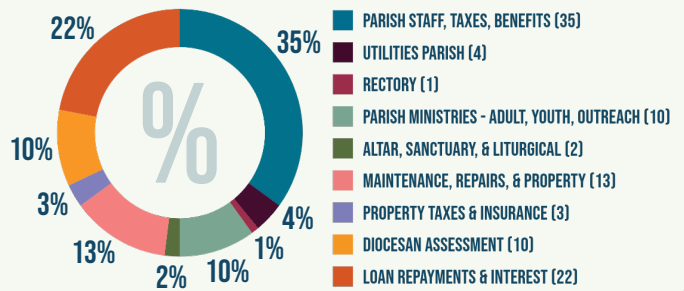
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### PARISH EXPENSES PERCENTAGE



## SCHOOL INCOME & EXPENSES

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Student Tuition	\$2,606,725	\$2,739,324
State Funding	\$354,691	\$237,653
Donations: FUNDS/Restricted & Non-restricted / PTO	\$180,012	\$155,000
Student Services ( <i>Peterson Services</i> )	\$173,835	\$145,000
Other ( <i>Security Admin Fee</i> )	\$155,184	\$185,000
Parish financial support	\$286,427	\$0
	<b>\$3,756,874</b>	<b>\$3,461,977</b>

EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDGET
School Staff, Taxes, Benefits	\$2,974,116	\$2,724,583
Administration & Office Expenses	\$68,863	\$68,720
Utilities School	\$55,353	\$53,718
Classroom/Teaching Expenses	\$64,589	\$46,397
Maintenance, Repairs, & Property	\$511,276	\$685,548
Loan Repayments & Interest	\$82,677	\$110,440
	<b>\$3,756,874</b>	<b>\$3,689,406</b>



CHURCH INTERIOR

### SCHOOL EXPENSES PERCENTAGE

