



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1
2017
JUNE 30
2018

OUR LADY  OF GRACE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear fellow parishioners,

Gratitude – it lays the foundation for our faith life. As our hearts express gratitude, we move closer to the Creator and Source of every good blessing. With gratitude as the foundation of our life of prayer, we grow to become more like God who loves us from before the world’s foundation.

As we reflect on all that God has given us, and move ever closer to Jesus, we, like Saint Paul, move forward on mission – because love impels us! (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14). Filled with love, a love that cannot be contained, we live lives of magnanimity, sharing with others from the substance of our lives and hearts.

Let the reading of our parish’s Annual Report inspire you to deeper gratitude for how our parish carries out the mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved. Let our Annual Report be a way to ponder how you and your family might serve within our parish community.

Stewardship is the intentional, grateful and loving response of a Christian disciple – a way of life that recognizes, receives and shares God’s gifts and charisms for the good of all, living the mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved.

Our parish continues to grow in some very exciting ways. This year we will be focusing ministries to young professionals, those preparing for marriage and early childhood. All signs of growth, signs of God’s favor, but also calls for us to respond ever more fully.

With gratitude I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Father Kevin Finnegan, Pastor

WHO WE ARE

Generations

(1900 - 1945)
TRADITIONALISTS
 M 208 + F 322 = **530**

(1946 - 1964)
BABY BOOMERS
 M 610 + F 668 = **1278**

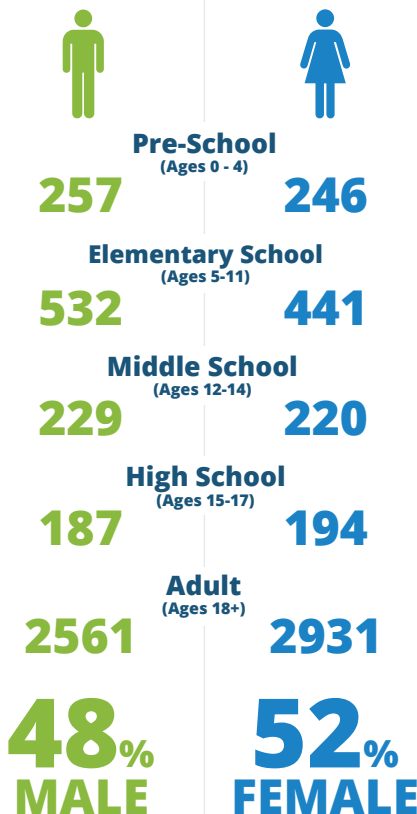
(1965 - 1984)
GENERATION X
 M 1010 + F 1108 = **2118**

(1985 - 2004)
MILLENNIALS
 M 1005 + F 1120 = **2125**

(2005 - PRESENT)
POST-MILLENNIALS
 M 924 + F 823 = **1747**

Overall Avg. Parishioner Age
35 YEARS OLD

Gender

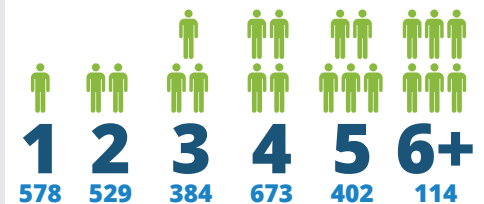


Marital Status

MARRIED
 *18 years of age and older.
 M 419 + F 509 = **928**

UNMARRIED
 M 658 + F 720 = **1378**

Household Size



Locations

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1 Edina | 6 Hopkins |
| 2 Minneapolis | 7 Minnetonka |
| 3 Eden Prairie | 8 Richfield |
| 4 Bloomington | 9 Excelsior |
| 5 St. Louis Park | 10 Plymouth |

Fulfilling the mission of MAKING JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED through...



PRAYER

+



HOSPITALITY

+



SERVICE

+



FORMATION

Serving...



2725
HOUSEHOLDS

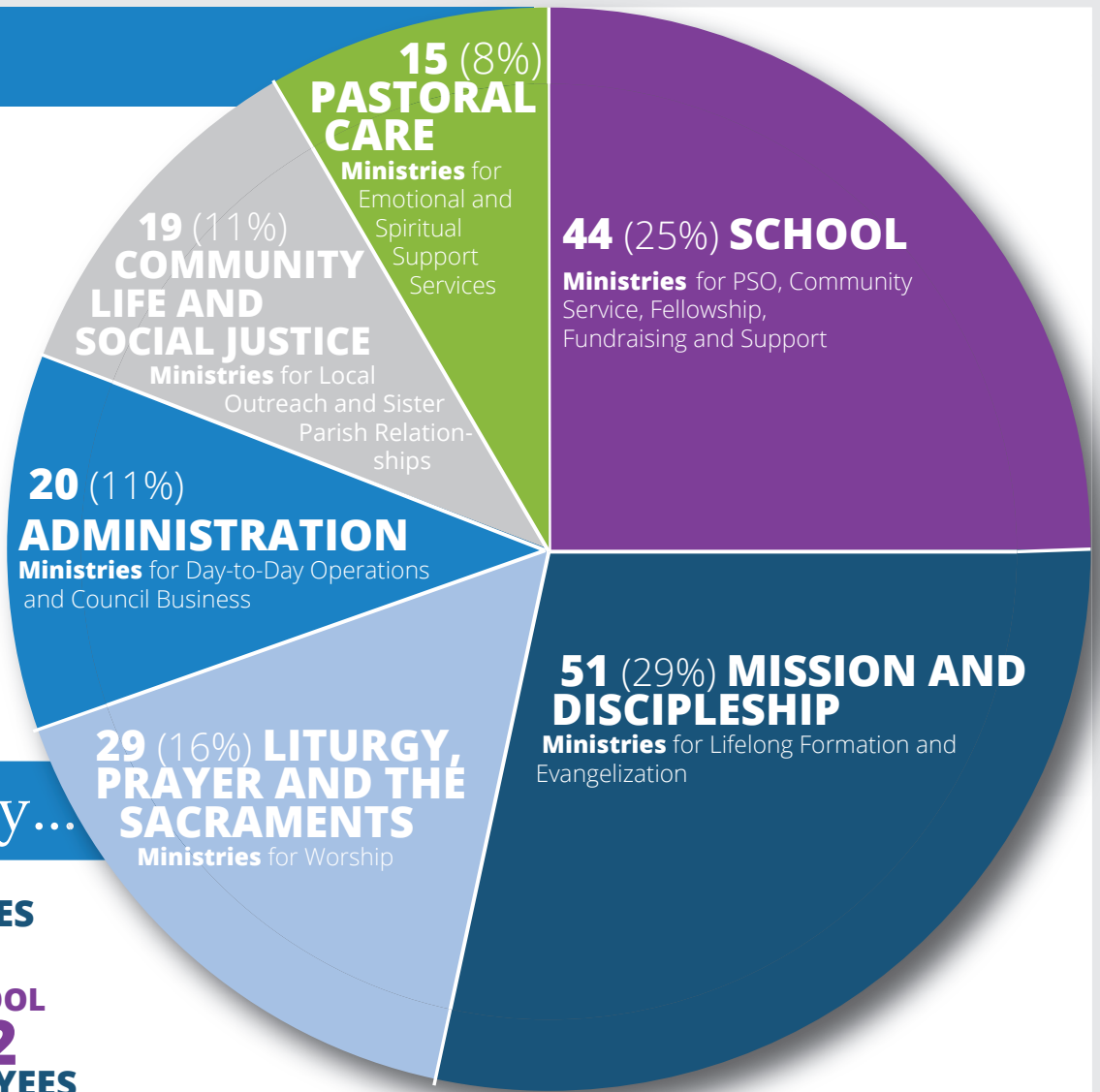


Supported by...

113 EMPLOYEES

PARISH 17
SCHOOL 52
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

PARISH 22
SCHOOL 22
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES*



***Part-Time Employees includes:** Custodial Workers, Nursery Workers, Front Desk Receptionists, Cantors, Funeral Hospitality Coordinator, Stewardship Coordinator, Director of Community Life and Social Justice, Substitute Teachers, Summer Care Workers and Specialists (in Spanish, Gym, Music, Band and Library)

PRAYER

Prayer and the sacraments dispose a soul to receive the abundant graces of God necessary to grow in holiness. Through prayer we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Prayer increases our yearning to receive the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. We gather together as a parish family to worship and praise God in Mass. Nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we are strengthened as a stewardship parish as we strive to live the disciple's response: go and serve.

The Numbers



8,400
HOURS IN ADORATION



500+
PARISHIONERS SERVING IN
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



45 COUPLES PREPARED
FOR MARRIAGE (31 married at OLG,
14 married elsewhere)



107
BAPTISMS



132
1ST RECONCILIATIONS AND
1ST COMMUNIONS



100
CONFIRMATIONS



1



2



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- 1 Jim Triggs sharing at Prayer Fair on how to meditate on the Word with the St. John's Bible
- 2 Baptism of Ryan Drewianka at the Easter Vigil Mass
- 3 Baccalaureate Mass with our 2018 High School graduates



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HOSPITALITY

"When I was a stranger, you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)
 Jesus Christ teaches that whenever we welcome one of the least of our sisters and brothers, we welcome Jesus Himself. When parishioners experience a warm and sincere welcome, they in turn become open to giving themselves to others. This desire to welcome others is yet another gift of God. The most vibrant stewardship parishes are those in which parishioners know they are welcomed, fostering a sense of ownership and personal involvement in lived stewardship to the parish family.

The Numbers



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145
 NEW HOUSEHOLDS



2,100*
 FISH FRY MEALS SERVED
(Including 500 by drive thru)



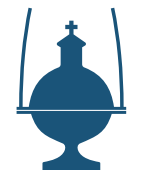
49
 COUPLES ATTEND CELEBRATE MARRIAGE EVENT



175+
 TIMES OLG HAS WELCOMED OUTSIDE GROUPS TO USE OUR SPACE



56
 FUNERALS



2,500
 HOURS OF FUNERAL HOSPITALITY



**record number*

Stephen Ministers serving at the Advent Day of Mercy **4**

The George Family at the Fr. Charles Magabi Reception **5**

Moms of Grace Fall Social **6**

SERVICE

Members of a stewardship parish readily minister to the varied needs of their own parish family, the Church and wider community. Just as members of a family come together to help one of their own, members of a stewardship parish family serve those who are hurting or in need, doubting or seeking salvation. They also gather together to celebrate, thank and to return God's gifts.

The Numbers



6,000 lbs
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
FOOD DONATED



2,400+
SHARING AND CARING HANDS
MEALS SERVED



103
PINTS OF BLOOD DONATED
THROUGH THE RED CROSS



1,000+
HOMEMADE GOODS DONATE AT
PASSPORT FOR GIVING DAY



3,100+
MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS
(39% increase in participants)



3,700+ HOURS SERVING
THE HOMEBOUND, THOSE IN
LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES
AND STEPHEN MINISTRY



7



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7 High School Youth Ministry Mission Home outing to serve at the HMC Food Shelf

8 Fr. Kevin showing us how to be like Jesus – a servant to all

9 Marching for Life with thousands of others in D.C.



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FORMATION

Inherent within each individual is the need to give – to move from selfishness to selflessness. This dynamic shift is a life-long journey of conversion. The stewardship parish accompanies its members constantly in their conversion and, in the process, the formation of the individual helps form the parish community. As one grows more deeply in this formation to a life of stewardship, the more deeply one loves as God loves us.

The Numbers

200+

BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS



24%

INCREASE IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS



365+

STUDENTS AT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



21

PARISHIONERS WELCOMED INTO THE CHURCH AT EASTER



632

SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGES

supporting students at OLAG HS (Ghana), San Max (Honduras), OLG (Edina), JPll and Cristo Rey (Minneapolis)



8,181

HOMILY PODCASTS DOWNLOADED



OLG MC members at Grill the Priests - Jeopardy Edition **10**

Enjoying the outdoors during Vacation Bible School **11**

Digging deep into our faith at Extreme Faith Camp **12**

DID YOU KNOW?



Ongoing maintenance and development of the OLG **athletic fields and baseball facilities** are supported **100%** by the OLG Men's Club

Boy Scouts led several community projects including:

- Raising funds for **JPII to provide meals** for students and their families
- **Planting trees** on the OLG campus
- Assisting with upgrades to the **Mercy Music Loft**
- Creating a **prayer and reflection spot** in front of the carved angel statue

500+ parishioners attended 19 workshops at the **Prayer Fair**



40 kids at **Extreme Faith Camp**, one of the largest groups there

1850+ Christmas trees were sold by **150+ volunteers** at the OLG Men's Club **Christmas Tree Lot**.

11 smartboards were donated to **Ascension Catholic Academies**



The **Family Faith Formation Organization (3FO)** was launched to **promote the religious education of children** by fostering relationships among parents, volunteers, staff, and parishioners

Approximately **1,900 hours** of **coaching** are offered in support of our athletic programs.

ProLife Outreach has expanded in areas such as:

- Support and donations of essentials including diapers, blankets and other baby items to **crisis pregnancy centers**
- OLG feet on the street at the **Abria Celebration of Life Family Fun Run and 5K** on Mother's Day
- Tree of Life in the Commons to promote the **40 Days for Life** and with prayer and donations
- **March for Life** pilgrimage in Washington DC





FINANCIAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Fiscal year 2018 was a good year for Our Lady of Grace as the steady growth that we experienced in 2016 and 2017 continued allowing our parish community to not only continue, but to expand our ministry activities. The following results reflect what occurred for the fiscal year (ending June 30, 2018).

From a financial results perspective, we were able to end fiscal year 2018 with a "Net Ordinary Income Surplus." The "Ordinary" income results are a reflection of how we manage our "day-to-day" operations. The "ordinary" net operating results showed a "surplus" against the fiscal year budget due primarily to the level of revenues collected from all ministries being better than our planned budget. Specifically, your generosity resulted in a 9.86% increase in "collection revenue" over the budget. It is this "collection" revenue that funds many of our ministries and pays for the day-to-day operating expenses of the parish. We are very thankful for your continued financial support and we are hopeful that we can continue this positive trend. Other fundraising and revenue sources helped make the "Mercy Music Loft Remodel" initiative a success. Those funds were used to remodel the old music room (renamed Mercy Music Loft) and included adding an "elevator" to make the area accessible to all people. This remodeling also added much needed meeting space and freed up other space for the many parish and school ministries using the facility.

In addition to the surplus in the day-to-day financial performance of the parish and school, we are also able to report a surplus in "Net Income" after "Other Income and Expenses." Included in this category are items like gains and losses on our parish investment accounts held at Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) and any special gifts we received over the course of the fiscal year as well. In addition to the remodel of the new Mercy Music Loft, the Parish replaced an aging roof over a section of the school, upgraded our 21-year old phone system, and demolished the old rectory. Our priests have relocated to a "temporary" rectory off-campus.

As indicated previously, considerable time and energy has been spent growing our three endowments (School, Parish,

and Cassidy). The endowments are very important to the long-term financial future of our parish and school. We were blessed to receive gifts to the endowments that went directly into the endowment funds at Catholic Community Foundation (CCF). Our endowment results include a beautiful one-time six figure legacy gift to the OLG Parish endowment. In addition to these outright gifts, the investment market(s) performed well which allowed the endowments to grow by \$507,453 over last year.

The mission statement of Our Lady of Grace powerfully states: "To Make Jesus Christ Known and Loved" and this mission cannot be lived out without first understanding at a deep and personal level, that everything we have is a gift from God, and we respond by expressing our gratitude to God for those gifts. We are so grateful to the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace who demonstrate a consistent commitment to God and Our Lady of Grace through gifts of their prayer, service, and tithe.

In closing the Parish Finance Committee remains committed to operating the finances of our parish in a "balanced" way so as to maintain your trust. We ask you to recommit yourselves to this beautiful faith community as well. Please prayerfully consider making a new financial commitment or to increasing your financial tithe commitment to allow us to continue to build a bright, Christ-filled future for Our Lady of Grace and for all those we serve. Please help us continue to live our parish mission: "To Make Jesus Christ Known and Loved." We depend on your committed financial support.

Your brother in Christ,
Jeff Hansen
Finance Council Chair



In Christ's Love,
Deacon Bob Durham
Business Administrator



GIVING ANALYSIS

Summary

INCREASES

- + 145 Total Households
- + 832 Total Members
- + \$1.89 Average Weekly Contribution Per Household
- + \$98.77 Average Annual Contribution Per Household

DECREASES

- 56 Total Contributing Households
- 5.40% Total Households Contributing

Profile

2,725
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS (AS OF 6/30)

8,476
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

1,586
TOTAL CONTRIBUTING HOUSEHOLDS

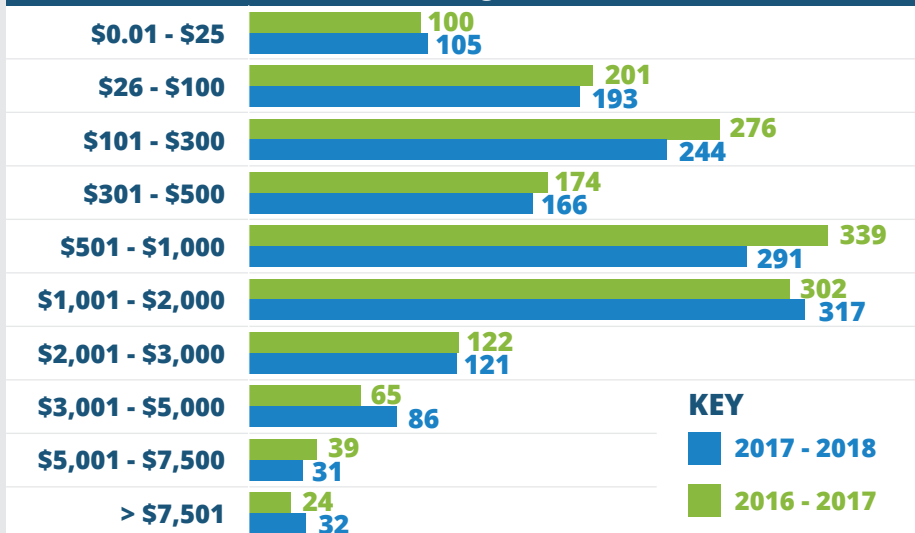
58.24%
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS CONTRIBUTING

\$24.69
AVG. WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION PER CONTRIBUTING HOUSEHOLD

\$1,283.77
AVG. ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION PER CONTRIBUTING HOUSEHOLD

Annual Giving

of Contributing Households



Avg. Weekly Giving

