



GROWING IN *Faith*
building the **FUTURE**



Mother Teresa
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Dear Parish Family,

I write to you with deep joy and immense gratitude. Reflecting upon the past few months of my time at Mother Teresa, I am deeply touched by the warmth of the welcome you have extended. This already feels like home.

I want to take a moment to thank Fr. Anthony for laying down the foundation at Mother Teresa. His leadership was pivotal in building this community, and I am honored to carry forward this work of God.

I cannot put into words the appreciation I have for our ministry leaders and volunteers. Witnessing your dedication, from setting up chairs every Sunday to facilitating the day-to-day operations, has been a testament to the amazing volunteer spirit within our community. Truly, your works are a living testament to your faith in God.

As a young parish, the past fiscal year has seen us flourish in so many ways – from the growing number of our parishioners and families to the blessings of Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations. We have expanded our staff members to serve our ever-growing needs, launched a new parish website, and hosted liturgical celebrations and community gatherings to deepen our faith and foster fellowship.

The dream of building a church is close to my heart, as I know it is to yours. We are working diligently, bearing in mind the twofold mission to build a sanctuary that reflects the beauty of our faith while being financially attainable. The road ahead might be challenging, but with faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, I have no doubt that our dreams will soon be realized.

I am honored and blessed to serve as your pastor. As we journey together, I hope to get to know each one of you more. Remember, our ultimate goal is heaven and to be united with our Lord. May God's grace and blessings be upon each one of you. Let us continue to grow in faith and build our future together.

In Christ,
Fr. Simpson



“ As part of the First Impressions team, we always try to accommodate all the needs and requests of every individual so everyone feels at home at Mother Teresa!

— DON MACLACHLAN





“ The Mother Teresa Religious Education program allows for greater faith and community foundation building. Being in small groups allows us to really explore and discuss the topics in a relaxed environment.

— RICH FRICKE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT

Our Growing Parish

716 families



1,833 parishioners



36 Baptisms



30 1st Communion



24 Confirmations



156 Kids in RE



10 Staff



22 Ministries



JENNIFER TURNER
RE COORDINATOR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT MOTHER TERESA

The Religious Education program at Mother Teresa nurtures faith both in our young parishioners and their very first educators, their parents. Last year, we were blessed with over 156 children from 84 families actively engaging in our RE program. Through the program, we have witnessed 20 children experiencing their First Reconciliation and First Communion, along with 11 stepping into their faith journey through Confirmation. Led by Fr. Simpson, our monthly gatherings empower parents with the essential tools to be the primary faith educators in their homes. Our small group interactions have been vital in cultivating community bonds and spiritual growth. Here at Mother Teresa, we're not just teaching – we're lighting the path of discipleship, starting right at home.

2nd year Highlights



DECEMBER '22

The Knights of Columbus raise \$1,000 for Mulier Care Pregnancy Help Center and GraceWorks.



JANUARY '23

A record number of 87 ladies participated in the women's group gathering.



FEBRUARY '23

Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, speaks to a full church at our Lenten Mission.



MARCH '23

The middle school and high school youth groups kick off with our new youth minister, Justin Magaldi.



APRIL '23

Parishioners come to Adoration at our altar of repose at the rectory after Holy Thursday Mass.



JUNE '23

Fr. Simpson celebrates his first Mass at Mother Teresa as Pastor.

MINISTRIES AT MOTHER TERESA

- ALPHA
- ANGEL WATCH
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- FIRST IMPRESSIONS
- HOSPITALITY
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
- LITURGICAL SUPPORT
- MASS SETUP/TAKEDOWN
- MARRIAGE PREPARATION
- MEN'S GROUP
- MUSIC MINISTRY
- NURSERY
- RCIA & RCIC
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- THEOLOGY ON TAP
- TRUST BIBLE STUDY
- WOMEN'S GROUP
- WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP
- YOUNG ADULT GROUP
- YOUTH GROUPS



“ The Women's and Men's Groups at Mother Teresa are all about building community. Both groups provide opportunities to welcome people, form relationships, and serve alongside others.

— **ROBIN & CINDY ROBERTS**
PARISHIONERS



“ Through games, talks, fellowship, bible studies, and more, MTCC Youth exists with the sole purpose of leading teens closer to Christ.

— **JUSTIN MAGALDI**
YOUTH MINISTER



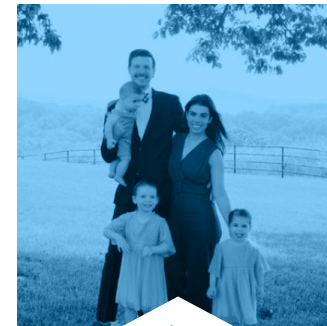
“ The volunteer spirit is alive and well at Mother Teresa! You can see it in the eyes of those who serve, the eyes of those being served, and the eyes of those watching.

— **GARY & PATTI DIAL**
FIRST IMPRESSION LEADS

Nolensville Catholic Campus

“ Since my own time in Catholic schools I knew this was an opportunity I wanted to offer my children. We’re beyond thrilled to build a strong faith foundation for the next generation.

— ANDREA JOHNSON
PARISHIONER



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We feel confident that SMA will be a place where children are nurtured holistically, while simultaneously learning how much God loves them, Mary nourishes them, and Saint Michael protects them. The Academy is a dream come true!

— KRISTIN DAVIS
PARISHIONER

A message from the St. Michael Academy Principal

It is with great joy that I welcome you to St. Michael Academy! I am delighted that it will be the first home of our parish community. Nestled in 166 acres of gorgeous landscape, St. Michael Academy exists to form saints and scholars for the greater glory of God. We will be an exceptional learning environment where students pursue truth, goodness, and beauty so that they can come into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. From our spacious chapel that opens to a serene patio overlooking a pond to classrooms equipped with glass garage doors leading to outdoor learning spaces, every nook of SMA is designed to inspire.

I am honored to serve as SMA's first principal. My journey into educational leadership has been diverse and rewarding, working for two decades as an attorney and music teacher prior to serving as the principal of All Saints Catholic School in Dallas. My commitment to creating authentically Catholic, academically rigorous schools for our children remains steadfast. As we further the evangelical mission of the Church, I am excited to welcome and collaborate with the Mother Teresa Catholic Church community, partnering with you in furthering your mission of changing lives and making disciples!



Yours in Christ,
Shana DeSouza Druffner, J.D., M.S.
Principal
Saint Michael Academy

A message from the finance chair

Dear Parishioners,
I am humbled to have been asked to follow Mike Hogrefe as Finance Council Chairman. I know we all appreciate Mike's service to help start our parish out on solid financial ground. Over the last two years, we have been able to accumulate over a million dollars in savings which will eventually be used to help in the construction of our church.

This year we will continue to review our expenses to make sure we are minimizing costs, while still supporting our important ministries, with the goal of being able to continue saving to put ourselves in the position to build and finance a new church, in addition to our ongoing operations.

Thank you for the continued support that has allowed us to add a few staff members in the past year to serve our parish. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to add Jennifer Turner as the Religious Education Coordinator, Justin Magaldi as the Youth Minister, and Jason Wu as the Communications Director, not to mention continuing our thriving RCIA program, and an awesome music ministry. Your financial contributions allow us to continue to do the work our Lord intends for us as a parish. Also, the many hands that continue to share their talents have allowed us to keep our costs for maintaining our rectory and conducting our church operations at a minimum.

On behalf of the Finance Council, I want to thank all of our parishioners and commit to strive to be the best stewards of our parish finances that we can.



In Christ,
Dan Bednarzyk
Finance Council Chair



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The community of Mother Teresa has brought so much joy into my life, how could I not be compelled to share my time, talent, and treasure?!

— **CATHY PERRIZO**
PARISHIONER

Statement of Financial Activity

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUES

	Year ended June 2023	Year ended June 2022
Regular Collections	837,910	605,363
Restricted Gifts - Church Building Fund	1,181,291	35,715
Non-Offertory Donations	264,000	401,500
Interest Revenue	63,335	13,403
Total Revenues	\$2,346,536	\$1,055,981

EXPENSES

	Year ended June 2023	Year ended June 2022
Office and Administrative	259,692	102,174
Clergy, Religious, and Liturgical Expenses	150,333	117,322
Music Ministry	91,347	81,988
Rental Expenses for Mass	48,116	38,762
Marketing and Advertising	38,746	19,596
Community Events and Charitable Activities	21,146	15,214
Church Property Maintenance and Improvements	12,685	12,418
Total Expenses	\$622,065	\$387,474
Excess Revenue Over Expenses	\$1,724,471	\$668,507

Excess revenues were used to:

Invest in the Church Building Project	959,626	--
Increase Operating Reserves	123,057	153,810
Invest in Restricted Deposit Accounts	629,543	471,811
Purchase Fixed Assets	12,245	42,886

Diocesan Support from Other Collections

Priesthood Sunday	9,612	5,920
Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries	36,014	20,198



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The generosity and servant leadership that I have witnessed in Fr. Simpson and our parish community is nothing short of the imitation of St. Mother Teresa, herself. It brings me great joy and hopeful anticipation of what is to come in our future!

— **BRIDGET GUARENTE**
BUSINESS MANAGER

Building the Future

“ *The Parish Council has seen our ministries grow in service to our community's spiritual and social needs. This is an exciting time to be a part of our parish!* ”

— **LISA ZEISLOFT**
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our second fiscal year, our hearts swell with gratitude for what we've achieved together at Mother Teresa Parish. I, along with the entire parish staff, extend our profound thanks to each one of you. Your generosity has been the bedrock of our successes!

Looking forward, our growth in parishioners brings with it the challenges of ever-increasing expenses to ensure our ministries, programs, and daily operations run smoothly. We understand the aspirations and dreams you hold for our parish, especially as we strive to build our permanent home that mirrors our spirit. The path ahead may require us to call upon you for increased support in terms

of treasure, time, and talent. Trust that with the Lord guiding our steps, there is no feat too great for us. I genuinely look forward to working closely with each of you in the days, months, and years to come. It's only with your unwavering financial support, volunteering spirit, and constant prayers that we can shape the future of our thriving community. May the Lord bless every step of our shared journey.

We encourage you to think of the Four Cs as you continue to contribute to our parish:

- **COMMIT**
Make it a pledge to contribute regularly.
- **CHALLENGE**
Increase your current giving if possible.
- **CULTIVATE**
Nurture our parish's future by supporting with your generosity.
- **CELEBRATE**
Join in gratitude for all we can achieve together.

In Christ,
Fr. Simpson



“ *I am very excited to be working with the Mother Teresa Catholic Church community as we make plans to build our future parish home.* ”

— **JO LIND WEAVER**
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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