

Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

How blessed are we to be able to walk this earthly pilgrimage with one another as members of St. Matthew Catholic Church! No matter what is happening around us — be it a pandemic, challenges in our culture, or social strife — St. Matthew's is our safe haven. It is the place where we can come together, gathered around Jesus and His Eucharistic table, to worship and serve our Lord.

It is also the place where we serve one another. Here, united in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together by God's grace we can accomplish amazing things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, members of our parish family are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus each day. We value formation in the faith and sharing our faith with others through evangelization. We also know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors through acts of charity and loving service. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the truth stated so eloquently by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

With this in mind, I invite you to respond to St. Matthew Catholic Church's new stewardship program: "**Joined by Faith, to Love and Serve.**" Please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can play an active role in continuing the work of Jesus Christ through our parish community.

Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions in order to bring Jesus Christ to as many people as possible. It is no easy task in today's climate, but I am confident that our dedicated parishioners are up to the challenge!

On **October 22nd and 23rd**, the parish will be holding a special **Commitment Weekend**, inviting members of our community to connect with one another and to make a financial commitment that will allow St. Matthew Catholic Church to continue its important work. We are counting on you! Please participate in our "Joined by Faith, to Love and Serve" Program and help us respond to God's great gift of love by loving one another with the heart of His Son. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to St. Matthew Catholic Church! Shalom-peace and deep joy to you and your family, and to our entire parish family!

In the living, loving, giving, and caring Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Gregor Gorsic



**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**

Pastor



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## Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



## Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update your current online gift amount at <https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthewchurch/giving>



Use your **offering envelope** and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.

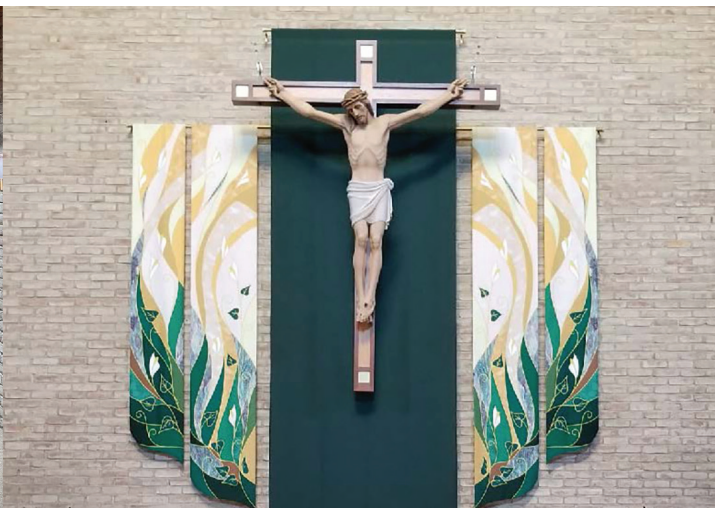


Explore using **tax advantaged charitable gifts** such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at 630-469-6300.

# Joined by *Faith,* to *Love* and *Serve*



**ST. MATTHEW  
CHURCH**  
GLENDALE HEIGHTS, IL

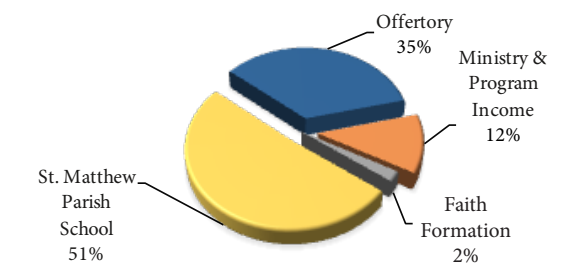


# Financial Snapshot: 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

## Operating Income

Offertory	\$631,286.00
Ministry & Program Income	\$213,800.00
Faith Formation	\$38,146.00
St. Matthew Parish School	\$920,233.00
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**Total Operating Income** \$1,803,465.00



## Operating Expenses

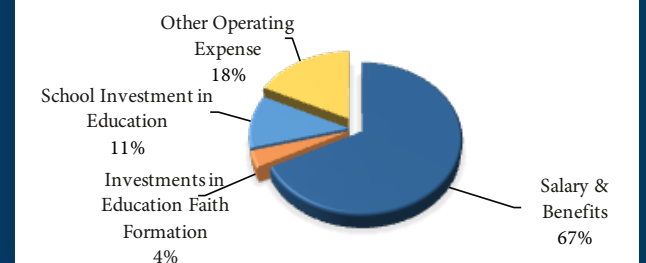
Salary & Benefits	\$1,350,080.00
Investments in Education Faith Formation	\$70,333.00
School Investment in Education	\$225,489.00
Other Operating Expense	\$356,554.00
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**Total Operating Expense** \$2,002,456.00

**Net Operating Surplus/Deficit** -\$198,991.00

COVID Relief Funds Received \$412,650.00

**Net Surplus** \$213,659.00



### Love Your Parish

Here, joined by Faith, to Love and Serve, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we do great things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, the members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ daily. We value discipleship and evangelization.

**3,339**

Families in our parish

**76**

Baptisms

**8**

Weddings

**64**

First Communions

**55**

Confirmations

**55**

Funerals

**138**

Children in Full-time School

**210**

Children in Religious Ed

**8**

RCIA Candidates

### Love Your Savior

As we strive to love one another better, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship isn't a code word for financial support. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ and engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. Remembering that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

**712**

Masses said in our church each year

**583**

Hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration

- Visits by Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound
- Greeters + Ushers welcomed parishioners
- Parishioners served in different Ministries such as Liturgy Team, Altar Servers, Cantors, Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, Simbang Gabi, Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Legion of Mary, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Cornerstone Music Ministry, Sacristans, Care of the Altar linens, Spanish Choir, Living Stations of the Cross, Via Crucis.

### Love Your Neighbor

We know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the truth stated so eloquently by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

**\$17,228**

Contributed to St. Vincent de Paul Society

**71**

Families received Food Assistance from Food Pantry

**67**

Received rent & utility assistance

**\$1,800**

Contributed to THM-Transitional Housing

- Parishioners serve as volunteers in Keeping our church clean, Bereavement Support Group, Finance Council, School Board, Council of Catholic Women, Knights of Columbus, Bingo Volunteers, Catholic Relief Services-Operation Rice Bowl, Baptismal/Sacramental Preparation, Hispanic Ministry Committee, Grupo de Oracion.