

Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church
8600 Grand Blvd.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Annual Reports
Meeting to be held February 12, 2023



Fr. Jacob Van Sickle, Rector

Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church

Annual Meeting 2023 - Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Credentials Report
- III. Revise/Accept 2022 meeting minutes
- IV. Elections
 - A. Parish Council
 - B. Reviewers
 - C. Diocesan Council lay delegate
- V. Budget Approval
- VI. Proposal to Change Dues Requirement
- VII. Adjournment
- VIII. Closing Prayer

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Opening Prayer at 12:22 pm in the hall following Divine Liturgy.

Quorum was established with 31 signed in the book of life.

The reports as submitted and audited by Rich Svihra, Nick Korzow, and Sherry Mizimakoski were accepted.

The 2021 Annual Meeting minutes were accepted as stated. Jim Barcinski made a motion to accept and Linda Bloomfield seconded. All accepted.

Elections:

- Parish Council-
 - Elizabeth Wysocki will serve as secretary.
 - Sherry Mizimakoski, Lesley Erpelding, and Paul Campbell will serve as at-large board members.
 - Sergei Ely will serve as an alternate
 - Mike Gruszyk will continue to serve as Treasurer, Melody Rozdelsky will continue to serve as President, and Elizabeth Pedersen will continue to serve as Vice President.
 - Matthew Wells motioned to accept all of the council appointments and Janice Barancyk seconded. All approved.
 - It has been noted that we are looking for a new President and new Treasurer for the 2023/2024 council.
 - All previous officers no longer have authority to make decisions for the church.
- Reviewers/ Auditors-
 - Adam Erpelding will serve as a reviewer.
 - Matthew Wells motioned to accept all council appointments and Janice Barancyk seconded. All approved.
- Lay Delegate
 - Fr. Jacob nominated Mike Gruszyk; Melody Rozdelsky motioned and Jim Barcinski seconded. All approved.

Budget Approval:

- Mike Gruszyk pointed out:
 - We spent \$36K less than we had budgeted for in 2021 and came in approximately \$20K above our stewardship projections. We also decreased our repairs and maintenance budget numbers in line with actual expenses in 2021.
 - We had a cost of living adjustment for 2022 of 5.9% for Father's salary, in line with the Social Security recommended increase.
 - We have planned for an increase in the Nipsco bill with the rising cost of natural gas.
 - We have greatly reduced budgeted hall income as we do not currently have a hall manager and are not actively advertising to rent the hall.

- Several questions in regards to the new Diocesan assessments were asked, including the allocation of funds. Father directed the parrisohners to <https://domoca.org/> for further clarification.
- Adam Erpeling motioned to accept the budget as presented and Sergei Ely seconded the motion. All Approved and the budget was passed.

Clubs and Organizations:

All reports stand as submitted. No questions.

Comments made:

- Choir Director: Practice to resume soon.
- St. Clement: Pascha Bake Sale slated for this year and looking for bakers.
- O Club: Trivia Night rescheduled and new coffee hour teams are needed.
- Golf Outing: New date June 4, 2022
- Script Program: A reminder to help purchase scripts to help support the church.
- Church School: A reminder for parents about the new materials/books that are available for check out.

New Business:

- Nick Rozdelsky would like the church to get a few bids for redoing the brick paver patio/pathway next to the hall that connects to the Gazebo. This paver patio/pathway was not initially installed correctly and the church has struggled with weeds and deterioration of the pavers for years. Several attempts have been made to preserve the pavers and remediate, to no avail. This could also be an opportunity to involve the congregation in a special project and give new parishioners the opportunity to purchase pavers for or in the memory of their families.
- Tiffany O'Day has begun resurrecting our lending library and has been speaking to Nick Rozdelski and Elizabeth Wysocki on how this should be arranged. She asked for approval to get started with this project. All agreed.

Adjournment and closing prayer by Father Jacob at 1:23 pm

Respectfully submitted 2/22/22 10pm

PTVM interim Secretary,

Elizabeth Wysocki

Dear Faithful,

It is my privilege once again to address you on the occasion of our annual meeting and report on the spiritual state of our parish community. Unfortunately, it comes at a time of great heartbreak. Dave May's condition remains unstable and his prospects bleak. He and Sharon have been touched by the outpouring of love and support from all of you. Every day, I speak with Sharon and she thanks the parish for our continued prayers. Of course, we are still struggling to process the tragedy that has struck them and all of us through them. We can hardly help heeding Paul's instruction to "mourn with those who mourn" (Rom 12.15).

In spite of recent events, over the past year, we have also been blessed with reasons for rejoicing. In 2022, we enjoyed the full return of parish life since the interruption of the pandemic. And yet, so much has changed. I was recently asked to fill out a survey for the Assembly of Bishops. In answer to one of their questions, I was astonished to calculate that over 1/3 of our regular attendees are new to the parish since 2020. God has brought an extraordinary number of inquirers through our doors, as well as people who are already Orthodox but new to the area. And I am gratified to see how our existing members have welcomed them and incorporated them into the life of the parish. It is not an easy thing to be a welcoming place for outsiders seeking the Truth. We have to go out of ourselves to "love the stranger" as God commanded (Deut. 10.19). Plus, with new people comes new energy, new ideas and, potentially, change to the ways that some things are done. So, we have to trust that the Lord knows what He is doing, and that bringing more people into the fold will be not just for their good, but ours as well, as we all grow together as the Body of Christ.

One area of growth in particular is the number of children. The Church School rooms are bursting, especially in our youngest grades. Planning is underway to manage this growth into the next Church School year. We installed a new outdoor playset for the kids, and we have started adding special events to the calendar to help foster closer relationships between our families. There has been talk about starting a formal youth group, which I hope we can put in place in the coming year.

Another sign of our parish's health, of course, is the strength of our stewardship. Contributions in 2022 were up 12.5% from 2021, exceeding our budget by 16%. By my reading of the reports, this is the largest year-to-year increase since I started as your priest in 2018. Much of this increase, of course, comes from those who are new to our Church this year, but giving among existing members has also risen. This is especially encouraging. It suggests that many of you have a healthy understanding and practice of stewardship, based upon your means and your desire to see the work of God flourish. You are not just giving a minimum.

As most of you know by now, I have been angling for a change in how we determine the financial component of parish membership. Upon my arrival in 2018 I was informed that adult members are obliged to pay annual parish dues in the amount

of \$520. In the years since, I have learned that many of our long-standing members understand from past precedent that being current with dues is necessary not only to be eligible to vote in the annual meeting, but also to have a Church funeral. While I have assured many that I would serve a funeral for anyone who died in sacramental unity with the Church, the bylaws of our parish do stipulate that a voting member “fulfills financial obligations as established by the Parish, which obligations may be adjusted or waived by the Rector in consultation with the Parish Council.” So, the bylaws do not require dues (until I recently read through them myself, I was under the impression that they did), but dues have been set to the current amount by vote at an annual meeting in living memory.

I am no fan of the “dues system” as a basis for Church giving. It encourages a “just do the minimum” mindset for most of us whom God has put into a position to do so much more, while at the same time they set an undue burden upon those who are truly struggling to make ends meet. Emphasis on dues has also given people to think of their Church membership like they might membership in a club or civic organization, rather than as membership in the very Body of Christ. Regular attendance at services and participation in the sacraments is what makes someone an Orthodox Christian, not any amount of money they give to the Church. After that, we all bring gifts according to our means as the Lord has laid on our hearts. As Christ taught his disciples, the destitute widow who brings only a few cents has contributed more than the rich man who gives thousands of dollars that he will never miss (see Luke 21.1-4).

I don’t mean to accuse any previous leadership of wrongdoing. I do not know the realities they faced or what resources for thinking about parish support they had at their disposal. But I do not think that dues are appropriate any longer for our parish. I would have the dues requirement of \$520 repealed and replaced by a simple requirement that parishioners consider carefully the wealth that God has entrusted to them and strive to give in proportion. This will be reflected by some giving on their part, with no minimum expectation of the parish. I look forward to discussing this further at the annual meeting.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your prayers for me and my family and for our Church. We need to pray for one another and support one another. Our parish council was excellent to work with again this year. We are losing our two most important officers to term limits this year: our president Melody and our Treasurer Mike, who have both earned a rest. Thank you to our Church School teachers, our choir directors, and our other ministry leaders, whom you will hear from in the pages that follow. We appreciate you and all your hard work.

God bless you all,

Fr Jacob Van Sickle

2022 President Report

We had another great year thanks to the love and support of our church family. I have heard of other churches that are still not back to their normal attendance or level of financial support they had before the pandemic. I am hoping that we are through the worst of this and everything can get to a new "normal" state. Your generosity and support is the reason our Parish is growing and able to give back to those less fortunate.

This year we were able to have a new playground installed for our kids, the gazebo and bridge re-stained, and trees trimmed back along our main entrances. We had a great turn out for our Spring Trivia Night and Fall bonfire and movie night event. Both events were a blast!! We hope to do it again. I am happy to say that we are continuing to support those less fortunate with Feed the Flock, Easter Baskets and the Christmas gifts that are donated to both the Salvation Army and Ross Township Trustee's office.

Sadly, we lost His Eminence Archbishop Paul, Fr Theodore (Ted) Panchak, a son of our parish and Matushka Carol Janecek (Fr Fred's wife) in 2022. These individuals impacted the life of our parish in a positive way. May their Memories Be Eternal!

I have had the honor to serve as your Parish Council President for the last 5 years. It has been a learning experience and one that I thoroughly enjoyed. I want to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and support. Due to term limits, I need to be off Council for this year but will still be active in serving the church where needed. This Parish has become my family and I enjoy doing what I can.

With Love in Christ our Lord,



Melody Rozdelsky
Parish Council President

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Income and Expense Statement

ending December 31, 2022

	Year to Date	Annual Budget	YTD Budget Difference
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTION INCOME			
UNRESTRICTED			
Contribution Income			
Stewardship-Weekly	166,269.27	162,818.00	-3,451.27
Investment Gift	22,624.40	0.00	-22,624.40
Subtotal Contribution Income	188,893.67	162,818.00	-26,075.67
Other Income			
Anniversary Dinner	718.00	0.00	-718.00
Bake Sale	5,902.00	5,000.00	-902.00
Candles & Vigils	5,200.00	6,000.00	800.00
Hall Proceeds	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Golf Outing	8,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00
Flowers	715.00	400.00	-315.00
Scrip Program Donation	2,000.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Bookstore Income (Cost)	3,196.19	1,750.00	-1,446.19
Bookstore Donation (Clear)	2,103.53	750.00	-1,353.53
Amazon Smile	114.94	0.00	-114.94
Subtotal Other Income	29,949.66	26,900.00	-3,049.66
Subtotal Unrestricted	218,843.33	189,718.00	-29,125.33
DONOR RESTRICTED			
Temporarily Restricted			
Icon Fund Income	15,000.00	0.00	-15,000.00
Father's Wish List Income	270.00	0.00	-270.00
Building Projects Income	5,895.00	0.00	-5,895.00
Subtotal Temporarily Restricted	21,165.00	0.00	-21,165.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	21,165.00	0.00	-21,165.00
Subtotal Contribution Income	240,008.33	189,718.00	-50,290.33
INTEREST INCOME			
Banking Interest	25.87	0.00	-25.87
Investment Interest	1,544.55	0.00	-1,544.55
Investment Gain/Loss	-14,960.04	0.00	14,960.04
Subtotal Interest Income	-13,389.62	0.00	13,389.62
TOTAL INCOME	226,618.71	189,718.00	-36,900.71
EXPENSES			
FIXED EXPENSES			
CLERGY EXPENSES			
Salary	32,502.96	32,503.00	0.04
Housing	29,100.00	29,100.00	0.00
Church Paid Pension	6,160.32	6,160.00	-0.32
Health Insurance	1,680.96	1,680.00	-0.96
Supply Priest	772.50	860.00	87.50
Father's Travel Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Life Insurance	598.80	600.00	1.20
Subtotal Clergy Expenses	72,015.54	72,103.00	87.46
CHOIR DIRECTOR			
Stipend	5,810.97	6,000.00	189.03
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE			
Advertising and Promotion	236.00	240.00	4.00
Office Supplies	2,059.81	1,500.00	-559.81
Postage	232.00	550.00	318.00
Printing	1,462.84	1,500.00	37.16
Background Checks	28.95	200.00	171.05
Accountant	1,680.00	1,705.00	25.00

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	Year to Date	Annual Budget	YTD Budget Difference
Bookstore Expenses	3,690.37	1,500.00	-2,190.37
Phones/Internet Service	1,932.35	2,250.00	317.65
Computer Software	455.00	455.00	0.00
Subtotal Administrative Expense	11,777.32	9,900.00	-1,877.32
INSURANCE			
Church/Cemetery Insurance	10,204.00	9,800.00	-404.00
Subtotal Insurance	10,204.00	9,800.00	-404.00
UTILITIES			
NIPSCO-gas/electric	17,386.16	18,000.00	613.84
Septic: Beebe	2,620.00	2,100.00	-520.00
Garbage: Star	1,850.86	1,800.00	-50.86
Well Maintenance-Sheehy	700.00	400.00	-300.00
Alarm System	1,033.00	800.00	-233.00
Pest Control	945.00	1,100.00	155.00
Subtotal Utilities	24,535.02	24,200.00	-335.02
BUILDING MAINTENANCE			
Mechan. Concepts Contract	2,425.00	1,300.00	-1,125.00
Janitorial Supplies	1,250.92	800.00	-450.92
Cleaning Service	7,080.05	6,740.00	-340.05
Repairs/Maintenance	10,128.52	17,500.00	7,371.48
Merrillville Storm Water	324.00	525.00	201.00
Subtotal Building Maintenance	21,208.49	26,865.00	5,656.51
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE			
Landscaping	1,333.03	0.00	-1,333.03
Lawn Service	1,950.00	2,200.00	250.00
Snow Removal	9,115.00	6,500.00	-2,615.00
Subtotal Grounds Maintenance	12,398.03	8,700.00	-3,698.03
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL			
Supplies	459.41	1,000.00	540.59
Subtotal Youth Sunday School	459.41	1,000.00	540.59
RECREATION			
Fellowship Meals	307.90	500.00	192.10
MINISTRY EXPENSE			
Candles and Vigils	3,094.61	2,500.00	-594.61
Flowers/Gifts	721.42	1,000.00	278.58
Cannonical Visits	0.00	300.00	300.00
Liturgical Supplies	432.36	700.00	267.64
Books & Literature	0.00	100.00	100.00
Iconography	12,097.20	0.00	-12,097.20
Subtotal Ministry Expense	16,345.59	4,600.00	-11,745.59
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	175,062.27	163,668.00	-11,394.27
OTHER EXPENSES			
Diocesan Assessments			
Assessments- monthly	25,211.53	23,450.00	-1,761.53
Chicago Deanery - annual	0.00	100.00	100.00
Conventions & Seminars			
Assembly Expenses	1,892.13	2,500.00	607.87
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Miscellaneous Expense	161.15	0.00	-161.15
Subtotal Other Expenses	27,264.81	26,050.00	-1,214.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	202,327.08	189,718.00	-12,609.08
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	24,291.63	0.00	24,291.63

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Balance Sheet

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	Current Year
ASSETS	
BANK ACCOUNTS	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
Checking General 4684	\$26,519.39
Seminarian Fund 5629	4,720.00
Chking Bookstore 2278	1,754.42
	<u>32,993.81</u>
Subtotal Checking Accounts	32,993.81
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Savings - Building Fund	97,480.78
	<u>97,480.78</u>
Subtotal Bank Accounts	130,474.59
INVESTMENTS	
Stifel Brokerage	75,564.35
FIXED ASSETS	
BUILDINGS	
Land and Buildings	1,801,326.72
EQUIPMENT	
Furniture and Equipment	44,314.00
	<u>44,314.00</u>
Subtotal Fixed Assets	1,845,640.72
	<u>1,845,640.72</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$2,051,679.66</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	
TAXES PAYABLE	
Federal Taxes Payable	\$573.00
State Taxes Payable	510.60
Local Taxes Payable	237.12
	<u>237.12</u>
Subtotal Taxes Payable	1,320.72
OTHER DEDUCTIONS	
Retirement Withheld	285.13
	<u>285.13</u>
Subtotal Payroll Deductions	1,605.85
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Alms and Outreach	675.00
Patio Pavers Project	1,420.00
Flowers	30.00
Library	100.00
Pension Payable	384.76
	<u>384.76</u>
Subtotal Other Current Liabilities	2,609.76
	<u>2,609.76</u>
Subtotal Current Liabilities	4,215.61
	<u>4,215.61</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,215.61
NET ASSETS	
UNRESTRICTED	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,969,030.40

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	Current Year
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DONOR RESTRICTED	
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	
Icon Fund	10,585.86
Father's Wish List	495.60
Special Building Projects	67,352.19
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Subtotal Temporarily Restricted	78,433.65
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Subtotal Donor Restricted	78,433.65
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	2,047,464.05
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$2,051,679.66</u></u>

2022 Cemetery Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$26,214.72
Income:	
2 plots sold	2400.00
Luba Sirovica Funeral	2504.00
Donations	820.00
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Total Income	5724.00
Expense:	
Lawn Care	3690.00
Open/Close	700.00
Tree Removal	1350.00
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Expense Total	5740.00
Ending Balance	\$26,198.72

Respectfully Submitted,



Melody J Rozdelsky

Parish Council President

On 1/10/23 Checks dated 12/18/22 were deposited

\$1200 Cemetery Plot for Thomas Martin

\$2100 opening and closing for Thomas Martin

\$1000 donation

\$675 paid to CEM Services for opening/closing of grave

2022 St Mary's Orthodox Center Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$295.17
Income:	
9 Events	4230.00
Festive Foods Kitchen Rental	10,019.00
2023 Event Deposits	685.00
Total Income	14,934.00
Expense:	
Cleaning	800.00
Supplies	292.31
Refund	50.00
Donation to Church	2000.00
Expense Total	3142.31
Ending Balance	\$12,086.86

We had 9 events with no hall manager. Just repeat clients or someone who was here for an event and liked our facility

Respectfully Submitted,



Melody J Rozdelsky

Parish Council President

Protection of the Virgin Mary Sunday School

January 17, 2023

Dearest Congregation,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Our classes have been growing exponentially with new families and helpers! We have still been focused on the Old Testament exploring the Judges and Prophets that help pave the way for the birth of Christ, celebration of special holidays, Saints, Feasts, and Fasts in both of our classrooms with more of an emphasis of learning about the Saints in our second-level room which is taught by Erin Gray.

This year we have continued to organize and cultivate the best learning environments for our children and our teachers. Take a look at what we have been up to:

- We have added several books and materials to our children's library. Check out what's available by clicking on the **Church School** tab on our PTVM website (Many thanks for the donations of these books from members of our congregation)!
- Planned, funded and purchased a playset for our kids to enjoy. Thank you again to all of the sponsors, builders, and helpers that helped make this happen!
- Hosted several fun events including our Back to School, Fall Bonfire, St. Nicholas Day, Bowling, Lazarus Saturday, Lenten Recipe Exchange/ Potluck, Egg Hunt, and End of the Year events, and much, much more.
- Performed the yearly Yolka with sing-along Christmas Carols with beautiful costumes designed by Janet Corzo. Thank you to all who helped!

We currently have approximately 25 students on the roster and many more visiting each week with an average attendance of 20 students each Sunday. We are so excited about our growing classes and have received help from Abigail Lear, Simeon Klepac and the Dude Dad crew of Dan O'Day and Adam Erpelding. If you would be interested in subbing or helping with Sunday School please let Elizabeth or Erin know. We look forward to a happy and healthy New (School) Year and would like to thank you all for your continued love and support of our children.

Love in Christ,



Elizabeth Wysocki -Sunday School Director

January 12, 2023

2022 PTVM Bookstore and Lending Library Report

Bookstore:

This year, the PTVM Bookstore has seen a lot of activity! I've continued to clear out old inventory and refresh the current inventory with requested items, books, and icons. The last quarter of 2022, I've had the opportunity to begin checking out new vendors; this allows for our bookstore to include different inventory as well as pursue some items straight from the distributors versus going through a third-party vendor.

During 2022, we sold 509 items from our bookstore. The items sold averaged \$10 per unit. Most of our sales seem to be for Bibles, seasonal (Lent/Pascha/Nativity), children's resources, prayer books, greeting cards, and bookmarks.

Free shelf:

I created a FREE shelf, which allows some items from the parish/parishioners to get recirculated back into the hands of other parishioners—these spiritual items and resources have blessed countless others when they find a new home.

Book club:

The bookstore has supplemented the cost of the women's book club. Each book that is purchased in the bookstore for the book club is discounted to \$5 to allow affordability for each parish member that wants to participate in it. In 2022, the PTVM Bookstore supplemented the cost of 21 books.

Lending library:

Last year, the Father Rozdelsky Memorial Lending Library was completed. The PTVM Bookstore has donated some resources to the Lending Library, including resources that are out of print or difficult to obtain. The Lending Library also received a monetary donation for additional resources, and we hope to expand the fiction section in 2023.

Electronic payment:

Since obtaining a separate checking account for the bookstore at the end of 2022, I am hoping to identify a secure method for moving in to the 21st century and being able to accept electronic forms of payment for the bookstore in 2023.

Holiday Fair:

This past December, the bookstore hosted a booth at the first Holiday Fair in the church hall at PTVM. We sold over \$200 in inventory, and I hope to participate again in 2023.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am delighted to participate in the activity of the parish's bookstore and lending library.

In Christ,

Tiffany O'Day, PTVM Bookstore Manager

PTVMBookstore@gmail.com

St. Clement's Report

January – December 2022

15 January 2023

Glory to God for All Things!

We were able to host two bake sales in 2022:

- Pascha = \$2,937 deposited to PTVM General Fund
- Thanksgiving = ~~\$2,605~~ deposited to PTVM General Fund
\$2,965

We were able to purchase new church table cloths for Great Lent/Pascha.

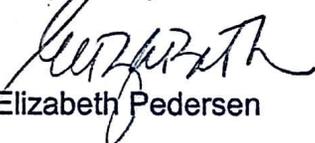
We had a successful attempt (besides the rain/storms) at hosting the "church's picnic" in July as part of St. Clement's Patron Day.

Balances at Centier Bank:

- Checking = \$26,414
- CD = \$234,945

We look forward to a healthy and productive 2023 growing spiritually in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Pedersen

219.365.6360

2022 O' Club President's Report

Dear Parishioners,

2022 proved to be an exciting year of fulfilling outreach activities and projects for the O'Club:

- On April 29, the O' Club held the church's third Trivia Night, this time to support the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Approximately 50 people enjoyed an evening of food, drink, and trivia challenges emceed by Father Jacob himself. \$1840 was raised for Ukrainian relief.
- The O' Club continued to support the Feed the Flock program, providing lunch meals to the less fortunate and the Merrillville community as a whole. The club provided meals on four different Saturdays throughout the year.
- The O' Club provided an additional \$250 to the Northwest Indiana MAKs (Making a Kid Smile) organization that provides personal and comfort items for local foster children in need as they transition to permanent parents.
- \$100 was donated to the Winfield Police Department for the support and training of a drug-sniffing dog that was donated to the department.
- Throughout 2022, the O'Club provided monetary benevolence support to friends of the church in the amount of \$1061.
- During the Christmas season, the club provided \$250 to cover outstanding costs for presents for two Ross Township families and their five children. This is a wonderful program the church supports annually.
- In November the O'Club created a Mission Statement and updated its by-laws. These are both attached for your reference.
- Finally, the O' Club continued sponsoring the weekly coffee hour after Sunday Liturgy. We gratefully thank those parishioners who purchase food and serve during these fellowship gatherings.

In August of this year, Janice Barancyk stepped down from her post as president of the O' Club. Janice became a permanent snowbird and moved to Naples, FL. I stepped up as temporary president until the next election is held in early 2023.

We are always looking for additional volunteers for coffee hour. If you are interested, please see Julie Grankowski. In addition, we would love to have more parishioners on the O'Club team. Please talk to Michael Gruszyk or any O' Club member for more information. We look forward to another successful year in 2023!

In Christ,



Michael Gruszyk
President

Protection Of The Virgin Mary Church O'Club

Our Mission

*The poor shall never cease to exist, for which cause
I command you to open wide your hand to others, to
the needy and the poor.*

Deuteronomy (15:11)

Membership in the O'Club requires a commitment to collectively using our time, talents and other treasures to Glorify God through service to others. Our stewardship is primarily focused on providing food, clothing and financial assistance to those in need by partnering with fellow local charitable organizations. In addition, we sometimes partner with national and international aid organizations on a special project basis.

Bylaws

Membership

- Membership is open to all parishioners.
- An annual membership fee of \$10.00 per person is required to join.
- Membership fees are due on January 1st of every year.
- A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for membership payments received after February 1st.

Offices

- President - Coordinates meeting agendas with Parish Priest and presides over club meetings.
- Vice President - Assists the President and serves on committees.
- Treasurer - Records, monitors, and reports all financial transactions conducted by the club.
- Secretary - Records, distributes, and archives the minutes of all club meetings.

Meetings

- Meetings are held:
 - a. Date: On the 3rd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted.
 - b. Time: Immediately at the end of coffee hour.
- Meeting protocol is generally governed by Roberts Rules of Order.
- Quorum consists of either:
 - a. A two thirds majority of active members with at least one officer present.
 - b. The presence of three club officers either in person or via phone for special meetings.
- Only active members are eligible to vote.
- Observers (non-members) are welcome to attend meetings but may not vote.

**O Club
Treasurer's Report
2022**

Beginning Balance: **\$3699.03**

Income:

Alms	\$5044.00
Coffee Hour	\$1880.00
Dues	\$90.00
Donation for Trivia Night	\$500.00

Total: \$7514.00

Disbursements:

Coffee Hour Supplies	\$1941.81
Donations	\$400.00
Benevolence	\$1061.01
Feed the Flock	\$435.06
PTC Christmas Gifts	\$763.31
MAKS	\$250.00
Ukraine Relief Fund	\$1840.00

Total: \$6691.19

December 31st 2022-Ending Balance

\$4521.84

SODALITY ANNUAL REPORT/ 2022

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

Dear friends,

Over the years, I have been asked what does the Sodality do? Who are we? In looking over some papers from past years, I came across by-laws from 2003. There it says that the object of the Sodality is to promote close cooperation between the church and its members, to raise funds for the needs of the church, to promote cultural activities and fellowship, and to help the sick and needy.

I am very pleased to say that we have been fulfilling these goals each year since then. We have a closely-knit group who is willing to step up and do whatever is required. My thanks to you all! And, I feel that now is a good time to invite those of you who may have been wondering if you'd like to join us. Well, please do!

Here are the highlights of what we accomplished this year. The "biggest event", I'll call it, is our Rummage Sale. We usually make the most money from this event. And, thank you to the many parishioners who help by donating so many nice things!

We are continuing our winter coat drive in which you have always donated freely and quickly to fill two very large boxes that we take over to the Salvation Army for distribution to the needy.

We offer monetary donations to our Golf Outing as well as for Easter. Along with the Easter offering, we purchase many of the beautiful Easter Lilies that you see around the church. And we are fortunate also to have some members purchase and arrange the beautiful flowers that you see each year for our church anniversary, The Protection of Our Holy Virgin Mary.

This year we sold quarts of soup that we made. That was very successful! Thanks to everyone for your purchase!

Unfortunately, mostly due to Covid, and other concerns, we did not visit our sick and shut-ins this year. Our visitations have always been very uplifting for us, and I believe those we've visited. Hopefully, this project will be able to begin again very soon.

And, of course, most importantly, throughout the year, we attend as many church services as possible for our spiritual nourishment.

Any questions? Please ask me or any Sodality Member. We are happy to welcome you!

Your Sister in Christ,

Mary Ann Bertram, President

St. Mary's Sodality - 2022

Balance brought forward

\$ 1794.76

Income:

Dues \$ 130.

Bummage sale 851.⁵⁰

Soup sale - 265.

Donation 30.

1276.50

+ 1276.50

\$ 3071.16

Disbursements:

Postage \$ 99.80

Easter donation 100.

Sodality luncheon 170.73

Self-porting sign 125.

Bummage bank 155.

Bummage cd 44.

Bummage sign 36.

balloons

Plastic bowls 40.05

Anniversary flowers 73.

Bow sale bank 55.

Soup sale bank 75.

973.58

- 973.58

2097.68

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Campbell, Treasurer

**PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH
2022 GOLF OUTING
FINANCIAL REPORT**

INCOME

Beginning Balance	342.12	
55 Golfers @ \$85	\$4,675.00	
34 Sponsors @ \$125	4,250.00	
Donors	1,895.00	
50/50 Raffle	300.00	
Beverage Cart Tips	323.88	
Circle Game	225.00	
Bar Proceeds	159.00	
Banquet Tickets	60.00	
Miscellaneous	143.00	
YMCA Silent Auction	<u>200.00</u>	
INCOME		<u>12,573.00</u>

EXPENSES

Indian Ridge Golf Club		
55 Golfers @ \$38	\$2,090.00	
Beef Meat-Lamb (Chicken)	1,100.00	
Eli's Golden Apple	160.45	
Quality Impressions (Signage)	215.00	
Beverages	142.88	
Postage	58.00	
Golf Balls	240.00	
Scrip	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$4,106.33</u>

NET PROFIT

\$8,466.67*

***8,000.00 of this amount transferred to the Building Fund**

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Svihra, Financial Chairman

Golf Committee

2022 SCRIP PROGRAM REPORT

INCOME FROM SALE OF CERTIFICATES:

JANUARY	\$3,390.00	JULY	\$5,576.50
FEBRUARY	\$3,100.00	AUGUST	\$3,405.00
MARCH	\$4,500.50	SEPTEMBER	\$3,237.25
APRIL	\$3,930.00	OCTOBER	\$4,733.95
MAY	\$6,124.20	NOVEMBER	\$5,595.00
JUNE	\$1,975.00	DECEMBER	\$6,866.75

EXPENDITURES: PURCHASE OF CERTIFICATES:

JANUARY	\$2,274.35	JULY	\$4,979.19
FEBRUARY	\$4,041.81	AUGUST	\$3,205.26
MARCH	\$4,583.32	SEPTEMBER	\$4,060.37
APRIL	\$4,514.18	OCTOBER	\$3,371.94
MAY	\$4,152.60	NOVEMBER	\$5,925.84
JUNE	\$3,083.03	DECEMBER	\$5,441.10

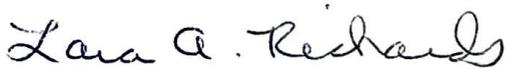
TOTAL SALES: \$52,434.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$49,632.99

\$2,000.00 DONATED TO CHURCH ON 12/25/22

ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE ON 12/31/22: \$4,192.03

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



LARA RICHARDS

January 22, 2023

Glory to God!

We, the Review Committee, have reviewed the Treasurer's reports from the following PTVM organizations: the General Operating fund, Golf outing, St. Clement, Rozdelsky fund, Building fund, Cemetery fund, Script, Hall, Choir, St. Mary's Soldality, and the "O" Club.

Mike Gruszyk, PTVM's treasurer, was available to answer the few questions regarding the various reports. We are pleased to announce there are no discrepancies in the reports.

Thank you to each and every organization treasurer for your continued hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Korzow

Nick Korzow

Rich Svihra

Rich Svihra

Adam Erpelding

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Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church
2023 Operational Budget

GENERAL FUND	2023 Budget
INCOME	
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	
Stewardship	\$170,725.00
Other Donations	\$10,000.00
Subtotal Contribution Income	\$180,725.00
OTHER INCOME	
Anniversary Dinner	\$700.00
Bake Sale	\$5,000.00
Candles & Vigils	\$5,200.00
Hall Proceeds	\$3,000.00
Golf Outing	\$8,000.00
Flowers	\$500.00
Scrip Program Donation	\$1,500.00
Choir Account Transfer	\$1,400.00
Subtotal Other Income	\$25,300.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$206,025.00
EXPENSES	
FIXED EXPENSES	
CLERGY EXPENSES	
Salary	\$38,311.00
Housing	\$32,000.00
Church Paid Pension	\$8,437.00
Health Insurance	\$1,772.00
Supply Priest	\$800.00
Auto Expenses	\$1,200.00
Life Insurance	\$600.00
Subtotal Clergy Expenses	\$83,120.00
CHOIR DIRECTOR	
Stipend	\$7,200.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
Advertising and Promotion	\$3,150.00
Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$300.00
Printing	\$1,500.00
Background Checks	\$200.00
Accountant	\$2,000.00
Church Phones	\$1,450.00
Computer Software	\$455.00
Subtotal Administrative Expenses	\$11,055.00
INSURANCE	
Church/Cemetery Insurance	\$11,000.00

	2023 Budget
UTILITIES	
NIPSCO	\$18,000.00
Septic: Beebe	\$2,620.00
Garbage: Star	\$1,900.00
Well-Maintenance: Sheehy	\$420.00
Alarm System	\$1,000.00
Pest Control	\$970.00
Subtotal Utilities	<u>\$24,910.00</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	
Mechanical Concepts Maint. Contract	\$2,350.00
Janitorial Supplies	\$800.00
Cleaning Service	\$7,100.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$15,000.00
Merrillville Storm Water	\$500.00
Subtotal Building Maintenance	<u>\$25,750.00</u>
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	
Lawn Service	\$2,200.00
Landscaping	\$1,400.00
Snow Removal	\$9,000.00
Subtotal Grounds Maintenance	<u>\$12,600.00</u>
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Supplies and Activities	\$1,300.00
RECREATION	
Fellowship Meals	\$1,000.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE	
Candles and Vigils	\$2,500.00
Flowers/Gifts	\$1,000.00
Cannonical Visits	\$500.00
Liturgical Supplies	\$700.00
Subtotal Ministry Expense	<u>\$4,700.00</u>
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	<u>\$182,635.00</u>
OTHER EXPENSES	
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	
Assessments- Monthly	\$22,590.00
Chicago Deanery - Annual	\$100.00
Subtotal Diocesan Assessments	<u>\$22,690.00</u>
CONVENTIONS & SEMINARS	
Assembly Expenses	\$700.00
Subtotal Other Expenses	<u>\$23,390.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$206,025.00

SPECIAL NOTE: The Council voted to replace the church roof in 2023. The cost of the replacement will be approximately \$100,000. As of yearend 2023, the church Building Fund has \$97,480.78 in it. Any needed additional funds to pay for the roof will be covered by 2023 contributions to the Building Fund, transfer of monies from the Stifel account, and/or from current balances in the General Fund checking account.

	2022 Officeholder	2023 Nominee	Years of eligibility left <i>after</i> 2023
President	Melody Rozdelsky	Nicholas Rozdelsky	5
Vice President	Elizabeth Pedersen	Elizabeth Pedersen	2
Treasurer	Mike Gruszyk	Nicholas Revak	5
Secretary	Elizabeth Wysocki	Elizabeth Wysocki	3
At Large (7)	Sherry Mizimakoski	Sherry Mizimakoski	4
	Lesley Erpelding	Lesley Erpelding	4
	Olga Martin	Olga Martin	0
	Sergei Ely	Sergei Ely	4
	Lara Richards	Lara Richards	2
	Nada Buczek	Nada Buczek	0
Alternate	Mira Lukas	Mira Lukas	no limit
Reviewers (3)	Adam Erpelding	Adam Erpelding	2
	Nick Korzow	Brenda Wenner	3
	Richard Svihra	Richard Svihra	1