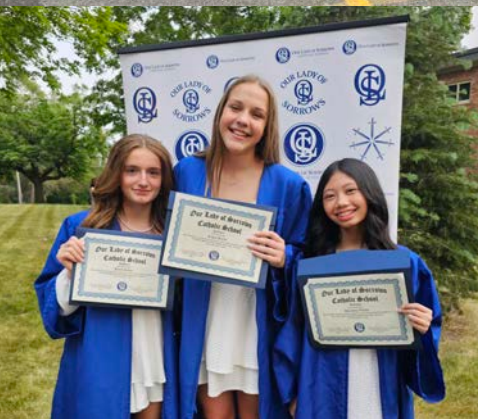




OUR LADY OF SORROWS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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We thank you for supporting Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School with your gifts. This annual report recognizes donor contributions from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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A Letter From Our Pastor

Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise be Jesus Christ!

This Annual Report is a snapshot of what took place this past school year 2022 – 2023. I invite you to enjoy the photos of smiling children, faith-filled staff members and dedicated parents. Please read about the many programs, events and initiatives that support our mission to work in partnership with families to form our students into disciples of Jesus.

As one of the top Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we seek to create an environment where the students can experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel, and unite in worship during the educational process. It is an honor and pleasure to serve as the Pastor of this Parish and School. I am especially grateful to our Principal Mrs. Kathie Ambrose for her incredible work in her first year as Principal. Her service and dedication to our school is unmatched and I pray that the Lord would continue to bless her work.

Please know of my gratitude to you for your generous spirit in supporting Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School this past year. The improvements to our facilities, upgrades in technology and curriculum, and enhancements to improve student safety were only made possible with the financial contributions made by our community.

We are building the Kingdom of God one child at a time, and we could not do it without you. May the Lord reward your generosity many times over!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak

Very Reverend Canon Walter J. Ptak
Pastor



A Letter From Our Principal

Mrs. Katherine Ambrose



Dear Our Lady of Sorrows Community,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you our 2022-2023 School Annual Report. In my first year as principal, I was honored to work with an accomplished faculty and staff, witness the growth and success of our students, and partner with dedicated parents and community members to carry out the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School mission.

It is a blessing to provide you a small glimpse of our school year and express gratitude to each of you who have made a commitment to support our goals. The Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School spirit is alive and well and continues to thrive.

Through your generous support, some of the improvements we made to the overall campus experience this past year include:

- The renovation of the Lower Elementary School bathrooms
- A much-needed face-lift to the lobby and cafeteria through OLS branded paint
- The addition of branded floor mats throughout the building
- The installation of a new PA system
- The reconfiguration and construction of the main school entrance, both in an effort to increase student safety and enhance all of our security protocols
- The purchase of a new science curriculum, which was adopted for the 2023-2024 school year across all grade levels
- The installation of a new HVAC system in the Elementary Building
- Deep surface and air duct cleaning throughout the Elementary Building.

A list of additional improvements can be found later in this report. All of these changes were all made possible by the incredible response to our requests for support. We saw your generosity through your donations made in church envelopes, through our online giving portal or in response to one of our appeals. We broke records in participation and fundraising at the Fall Carnival, the Auction & Gala, the Day of Giving and the Fun Run. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to lead students directly to God while preparing them to be leaders of the future. We cannot thank you enough.

As long as we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, remembering that we are His disciples fed by the Eucharist, we will succeed. Together, we had a great 2022-2023 School Year and I look forward in hope for our current year and beyond.

Once a Saint, Always a Saint!

Mrs. Katherine Ambrose

Mrs. Katherine Ambrose
Principal





Highlight on Our Clergy

At Our Lady of Sorrows, we are incredibly blessed by the presence of many amazing clergy. Their example and shepherding make a tremendous impact on each one of our students.

We love to see these men serve as examples for our entire school, especially with their presence at School Mass, around the building, fundraisers, special events, prayer services and so much more!

While Fr. Livingston's ministry is primarily in local hospitals as a chaplain, there are many school families who have connected with him at weekend Masses. We were also pleased to have him at The Great Gala!

As Pastor, Fr. Ptak serves as our formidable leader and works extensively with the Administration to provide strong leadership and focus for the direction of our school. One of the trademarks of his homilies at School Masses is a lesson on the saint we may be celebrating on that day. He has also taught our students so much about important aspects of the faith with his Go Ask Your Father presentations during Catholic Schools Week.

Deacon Heard joined our Parish as a new Deacon last year and his joyful demeanor has inspired many members of the school community. Deacon Heard has been a consistent presence at our weekly School Masses and on occasion, he was able to lead us in prayer services when a Mass was not possible.

Fr. Radek was assigned to Our Lady of Sorrows at the end of the 2022-2023 school year and jumped right into school Masses and attending school functions. Students have enjoyed learning more about his personal call to the priesthood and his Polish culture.

We are abundantly blessed by all of the clergy who serve here at Our Lady of Sorrows. We pray in thanksgiving for Fr. Ptak, Fr. Peterman, Fr. Radek, Fr. Livingston and Deacon Heard and ask the Lord to continue to bless each of their ministries!



Fr. Peterman in the Classroom



In his role as Associate Pastor, Fr. Peterman has been able to dedicate some of his time to working in the classroom with special visits, lessons and question & answer sessions.

5th grade teacher Mrs. Emma Woolford shared, "My class lights up when Fr. Peterman walks in the room. Whether it is a planned visit to teach a Religion lesson or an impromptu visit, the students enjoy asking him questions and growing deeper in their understanding of the faith."



Class of 2023 graduate Mikhail Arnold served as an Altar Server under Fr. Peterman's mentorship. "From the start, I felt that I had a personal relationship with Fr. Peterman, he is relatable to everyone. Fr. Peterman frequently comes into the classrooms and is very involved in the school with both the students and the teachers. He's humble, very reverent and a powerful leader by his personal example. He inspired me to serve more and taught me how to serve more reverently."

Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Pat Salzwedel

Each year, a distinguished member of our faculty is recognized for his or her dedication and contributions to the learning of our students and to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School.

The Teacher of the Year award, is a special honor bestowed upon an OLS teacher, chosen by their peers and administration.

The embrace of this role –teacher- is at the heart of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School's mission. It is modeled each day across our campus by our outstanding faculty members who lead by example – both in their personal lives and in their classrooms.

In recognition of her deep commitment to scholarship and her enthusiasm and dedication to her students, we are delighted to honor Pat Salzwedel as the 2022-2023 Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School Teacher of the Year!

Mrs. Salzwedel has garnered a tremendous amount of respect over the last two decades, teaching kindergarten, fifth grade, 6th grade and 7th grade. When describing this year's honoree, her colleagues use words and phrases like "an esteemed and gifted teacher," possessing "dedication and fortitude for her subject area." She is an educator and an advocate of education and excellence in curriculum and pedagogy at all levels. In the words of her nominator, "Pat has a heart of gold with the fierceness of a lion."

A parent once said, "Exceptional teachers are the foundation of every successful student's journey. With the power to ignite hope, fuel imagination, and nurture a lasting love for learning, Mrs. Salzwedel embodies these ideals in her unwavering dedication to each student's growth."



Mrs. Carol Feczko



After 43 years of teaching, 6th grade teacher Mrs. Carol Feczko retired at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. This bittersweet news came after 22 years at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School.

This bittersweet news came after 22 years at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School. Mrs. Feczko leaves behind a great legacy, especially in her two creations- the Living Wax Museum and the Mardi Gras celebration. She brought so much learning, not to mention fun, to our school community. Principal Mrs. Katherine Ambrose shared:

She has not only taught my children, and children of many staff members, she has also taught a few staff members. One previous student commented to me how much he loved Fezzy Fridays in her class, when they would take their shoes off and feel the cold floor. "It was amazing- she was the best teacher ever!" Mrs. Feczko will leave a hole in the sixth grade wing, but we wish her well and know that she will be around, because I reminded her, "Once a Saint, Always a Saint!"

We will miss you, Mrs. Feczko!

Staff Military Service Project

At Our Lady of Sorrows, one of the tenets of our Philosophy & Goals is to "promote active loyalty to God, Church and country."

This, coupled with our dedication to serve others, led the faculty and staff to focus on a special service project to support military personnel stationed overseas. This endeavor took place during Catholic Schools week as we first asked OLS families to bring in many items for care packages as well as donations to cover shipping costs. Then, we had students create cards of encouragement and hope.

As a team, staff packaged dozens and dozens of boxes of items, each with a card from students! A member of our staff has important personal connections to a particular military unit and she spearheaded the shipping and processing logistics to ensure safe delivery of these items. We are grateful for this opportunity to support men and women making incredible sacrifices for our country.



From our 2023 graduates



Regan Burke

Mrs. Waltz was a huge impact here at Sorrows because of her support and passion in teaching. I loved having her as a teacher here at Sorrows and she will be someone I will miss next year. She expressed her teaching passion by being a great influence on me and my classmates



Aileen Hart

Mrs. Bonasso impacted my life because she taught me various life lessons that I still think about daily. She made class fun while still staying on top of her lesson. Her classes were always the ones I looked forward to and to this day I miss them the most.



Alexa Shamoun

Mr. Whinnery has impacted my life the most because I would always come out of his class with a smile. He has made learning fun and I actually enjoyed coming to school. His class was the one thing I looked forward to all day. Especially his period B religion class.



Adonai Abraha

Mr. Dewitt because he is a role model of a very strong catholic and he is very spiritual.



Anthony Yousif-Dickow

Mrs. Bonasso, Mrs. Waltz, Mr. Dewitt, Mrs. Rendich, Mrs. Salzwedel, because they all made me work harder and I could talk to them about my life, feelings, and my problems.

Virtues in Practice

In order to help our students keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, and to grow in virtue, we began the Virtues in Practice program.



This, combined with our daily religion class, daily prayer, weekly Mass, regular participation in devotions and personal witness of our staff, our students will grow in holiness.

This program will cover 27 virtues over a three-year cycle. These three years emphasize and are named for the three theological virtues.

The YEAR OF FAITH (2022-2023) focused on Catholic devotions and the idea that "faith works" (Gal 5:6) by a school wide emphasis on service.

The YEAR OF HOPE (2023-2024) will emphasize study skills, because in order to fulfill God's plan for our lives, we need to develop the talents He has given us.

The YEAR OF CHARITY (2024-2025) will emphasize community, particularly in regards to students' interactions with one another, because "he who does not love the brother who he has seen can not love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).

May Crowning

The Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God.

In keeping with OLS traditions, the third graders participated in their own special May Crowning of Our Lady in the main school lobby. This prayer service included scripture readings, a reciting of the rosary, and adorning Mary in beautiful flowers. As a way to build upon this tradition, and honor our school Patroness, the entire school gathered in the Main Church for a full May Crowning prayer service. Representatives from every grade level presented Our Lady with flowers, the choir led our community in beautiful song and we recited an important Litany Prayer, reminding us of her many titles. Two students were selected to place a special crown on our image of Mary to honor her as the "Queen of Heaven." May we all look to Mary as an example and ask for her continued intercession as we seek to grow closer to her son Jesus.



Jenell Gallozi

It has strengthened my faith because before I went to a public school and as a little kid, I didn't know much and wasn't so focused. Now I really love Jesus and I find happiness learning about my religion.



Mikhail Arnold

It has taught me what I need to know to go out and face today's challenges.



Giana Jabboori

It has strengthened my faith because when I went to public school, I didn't have a religion class and I was not educated about my faith. When I switched to Sorrows, I learned so much about my faith and I feel much closer to God.



Sabrina Mukhtar

OLS has strengthened my faith by the teachers teaching me different things about the faith. This made me love religion more and more and I truly feel like I have grown in my faith throughout the years.



Olivia Keramidas

I wasn't Catholic when I first started here in kindergarten. I started learning about the faith and made the decision to become Catholic.



Ian Zewatsky

It's been nice to have easy access to education about the faith even if my question is outside the standard curriculum.



Lindon Bojaj

Sorrows strengthened my faith greatly by teaching us that wherever we are, think about Christ and all the saints and angels and Mary. They helped me get closer to my faith than any other school ever could.



Lourd Akrawi

The religion classes, and the school Masses encourage me to read the Bible, pray the rosary, and attend church every Sunday. It has really strengthened my faith and knowledge about Jesus.



**From our 2023 graduates:
How has Our Lady of Sorrows strengthened your faith?**



As a school, we have a comprehensive Christian Service program that allows students to participate in donating items for those in need, as well as hands on community service work. Here, you can see 5th grade students donating cereal boxes to CARES of Farmington Hills, 5th grade student caroling at a local senior living community during Christmas time, as well as collections for Adopt a Grandparent and the Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive. Service is an important way that the OLS community seeks to fulfill our mission.



The School Spelling Bee was held in January. Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee participants and to winner Nora Cavanaugh, who went on to compete in the Oakland County Scripps Regional Spelling Bee.



Student Engagement Team

The Student Engagement Team (S.E.T.) of Our Lady of Sorrows School was created at the beginning of the 2022-2023 School Year to promote school spirit, to provide service to the community, and improve our environmental footprint through interactions with students, faculty, and community members.



Thirty-six students from grades five through eight were selected to represent our school and work with students both in their own grades and the younger grades to provide service for our community in projects such as assisting in the projects fostered with the Office of Family Life and participating in their own sponsored service, such as Birthday Boxes they will be creating for the Oakland County Foster Care.

These students were also in charge of enhancing school spirit by planning the annual school pep rallies. On top of all this, S.E.T. assisted our Green School Teacher Team in helping to earn our Michigan Green Evergreen Award. They run the paper recycling each week, and next year they hope to work on updating the OLS Michigan Garden.

Reading Month

During the month of March, our school celebrates Reading Month. This celebration is a fan favorite for many of our students.

The students were able to participate in various activities as well as grow their love for reading. Each day of the month has a theme. On the day we celebrated "Oh the Places You'll Go," students had the opportunity to wear a shirt representing their favorite high school or college. The students loved being able to share their dreams of the future schools they want to attend. On "Hawaiian Beach Party" day, students wore a Hawaiian shirt and brought in a beach towel. We had a wonderful time pretending we were on the beach reading our favorite books!

A new addition to the Reading Month Calendar was Reading Buddies. Students in grades 4 and above visited younger classrooms and everyone read books in pairs. This was a great success with our students, especially our Preschool classes who were truly inspired by their older schoolmates.

Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Megan Bruen served on the Reading Month planning committee and shared, "Reading is a fundamental step in the learning process. Our goal is to put an emphasis on it for an entire month in order to show our students how exciting, engaging and important it is! It is a joy to see this accomplished each year."



Alumni

With an over 87-year history, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School boasts a tremendous alumni base.

Many current staff and current parents attended our school, which speaks to its legacy and standing power.

The "would-have-been" OLS High School Class of 1972 gathered in October to celebrate a 50-year reunion. This class, unfortunately, were juniors when the high school closed in 1971. We were pleased to connect with them at Mass and celebrate them as important members of our community, despite the difficult end to their time at Our Lady of Sorrows.

One of the joys current students and staff experienced at the end of the 2022-2023 school year were visits from many Class of 2019 alumni who were celebrating their high school graduation activities. We are so proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing how the Lord will continue to work in their lives. During one of the visits, several young men from Orchard Lake St. Mary's had an impromptu basketball game with first grade students, a true highlight for the younger boys!

OLS Class of 2020: We hope to welcome you back during this year's high school commencement season. Please be on the lookout this spring for an invitation to a special event in your honor!

Alumni: If you would like to connect with your alma mater in a new way or if you are planning any sort of reunion with your class, please contact the Office of Advancement. We would love to hear about your plans, support your efforts and explore ways to maintain your relationship with our beloved school.



To celebrate the bittersweet retirement of OLS Music Director Esther Szafranski, 10 young OLS Alumni joined us for a special tribute song in her honor. Singers included Brenna Cavanaugh, Isabella Cipriano, Valentina Hutter, Myrna Gilbert, Victoria Kakos, Elisabeth Klawender, Norman Klawender, Natalia Necoechea, Anastasia Warner and Izzy Zablock.

“ I don't have the proper words to express how honored and blessed I felt when several of my former students stopped by my room on their last day of high school. It was amazing to see how they have grown into men and women who will make a difference in our world. It was also fascinating listening to them share their future academic journeys. We pulled out an old yearbook and reminisced about our little second grade family. My current students were in awe of these graduates and enjoyed hearing them recall their second grade experiences.”
 – Mrs. Patricia Law, 2nd Grade

Community Events

The 2022-2023 School Year brought back a full schedule of activities and events.

Tangible excitement for community gatherings radiated throughout the building this year! What a blessing it was to witness! Many of our events and programs are spearheaded by our Parent Teacher Guild. We would like to extend our profound gratitude to the PTG Executive Board, Committee Chairs and all of our current school parents who give countless hours and tireless support to the students and staff of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Please enjoy this collage of photos that showcase Trunk or Treat, Family Fun Nights with Detroit sports teams, new parent gatherings, Christmas programs, Field Day, and much more!



The mission of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School is

in partnership with families, to educate students, who will develop spiritually, academically, and socially, into disciples of Jesus, fed by the Eucharist, who will live to inspire and serve others in the world.

We invite you to tear out the School Prayer found on the next page. This is recited daily during morning announcements and we invite you to join us in prayer!



OUR LADY OF SORROWS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Prayer

O God, you created me and put me on earth for a purpose.

Jesus, you died for me and called me to help complete your work.

Holy Spirit, you inspire me to carry out the work for which I was created and called.

May all my thoughts and actions have their origin in you and be directed to your glory. Amen



Giving Circles

We thank all families and businesses for their donations made this year. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity. The success of our school depends on you. Thank you for continuing to support the mission of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School.

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Capital Improvements

Because of the incredible generosity of our community, we were able to make many capital improvements to our campus and infrastructure.

The first wave of improvements was made over the Christmas 2022 school break. During that time, a brand-new PA system was installed to improve building communication and enhance our school safety protocols. We painted several areas of the front office and lobby, as well as the cafeteria light fixtures and doors our signature OLS blue. New paint, coupled with updated floor mats around our drinking fountains and in the lobby enhances our school branding and created a fresh look.

After delays with the permitting process and some restrictions on the size of our wayfinding signs, Campus Signage was finally installed in February. We are so pleased that our campus is now marked with signage in our signature colors allowing visitors to better navigate our facilities. The signs on three corners of our campus allow our Farmington community to know who we are and what we stand for. Sign sponsors joined us for a special blessing ceremony to bring the project to completion in April.

During the summer months, the school received many incredibly important "behind the scenes" upgrades including the complete replacement of the HVAC system in the entire school, significant work on our roof, as well as a cleaning of the air duct system throughout the main school building. Both sets of bathrooms in the lower elementary school were gutted and completely updated, we added storage spaces to 3 first grade classrooms and one kindergarten bathroom was renovated. A major reconfiguration of the front foyer and school office entrance allows for better safety protocols and increased visitor screening.

Finally, other completed projects include the conversion of first grade classrooms from tables to desks, the completion of getting all second-grade classrooms new desks, the reconfiguration of the library to create a second conference room, the replacement/update of 200 Chromebooks and the investment in a new Science curriculum across all grade levels.

We are doing our best to be good stewards of the physical structures and materials that make up our school and the resources provided to us by you! Thank you for making this all happen!





Parent Mass

The fourth annual First Day of School Parent Mass kicked off the school year in August. This event builds relationships and community through prayer and parent support. We welcomed parents back to school at Mass followed by a reception in the lower level.



Day of Giving

In January, we hosted our annual Day of Giving during the 2023 Catholic Schools Week. We raised just over \$48,000 with a record 535 donations! To celebrate our school, several families and staff were approached to share their school testimonials. You can find these posts on Instagram and Facebook, as well as on our Testimonials webpage.



Auction & Gala

In March, we toasted Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School at The Great Gala: A Roaring Twenties Evening. The evening was incredible and the generosity a true blessing to witness! We exceeded our goals and expectations - raising just over \$174,000 in net profits! Thank you sponsors, donors, and parent volunteers!



Carnival

We welcomed a record 1000+ participants to our Fall Carnival in September. Our community enjoyed carnival games, bounce houses, carnival prizes, and food trucks.



Trivia Night

In February, OLS parents, staff and friends were ready to rock yesterday at Trivia Night! Special shout outs to team Closing Time for their trivia win and team Risen Rockstars for their Costumes and Decor win! Thank you to Top Up Burgers for the delicious dinner spread.



Fun Run

In May, God blessed us with amazing weather and we enjoyed every second of sunshine at the Fun Run. Thank you to the Committee for their hard work, to the parent volunteers, snack donors and all of our event sponsors. Our amazing students reached our whole school goal, enjoyed classroom goals, and Top Ten Fundraiser prizes!

Financial Summary

	2022-2023	2021-2022
School Operating income		
Tuition and Fees	\$ 5,002,506	\$ 4,704,483
School Operating Expenses		
Instructional - Salaries & Benefits	\$ 2,242,195	\$ 2,979,203
Administration and General	\$ 966,353	\$ 895,365
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$ 595,802	\$ 640,411
Student Activities and Food Service	\$ 257,161	\$ 209,438
Total School Operating Expenses	\$ 5,061,511	\$ 4,724,417
Capital Projects		
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ (59,006)	\$ (19,934)
Capital Expenditures	\$ 551,071	\$ 516,026
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Fundraising & Church Subsidy	\$ (610,077)	\$ (535,960)
Closing the Gap: Other Revenue Sources		
Church Subsidy, Grants and Other	\$ 186,854	\$ 104,522
Saints for Tomorrow Annual Fund (NET)	\$ 423,223	\$ 431,438

We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of generosity we received during the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Our four main school events- the Carnival, Day of Giving, Auction & Gala and Fun Run all exceeded their fundraising goals. The success of these events is due in large part to our current Our Lady of Sorrows families whose financial commitments were made on top of their tuition dollars. Thank you for the sacrifices you are making for your children and future OLS students!

We must also thank Our Lady of Sorrows parishioners, as we experienced true generosity in giving through Church Envelopes. Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the incredible work by Mr. James Nordbeck to secure significant grant funding for many of our capital projects. These grants allowed us to complete more major capital projects in 2022-2023 than we have been able to accomplish in several years.

While we can celebrate many incredible milestones and successes, we did see some decline in general giving to the Saints for Tomorrow Annual Fund from our broader community. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you receiving this report to discern your ability to support Catholic Education with a donation to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School. Your support is crucial to our ability to fulfill the mission of our school. May the Lord bless your generosity abundantly!



Mrs. Erin L. Somerville

Erin Somerville
Director of Advancement

Where to Give



Annual Fund

The Saints for Tomorrow Annual Fund

Gifts to the Saints for Tomorrow Annual Fund offset the tuition gap between the actual cost of educating each student and paid tuition. The Annual Fund covers our operating budget items each year such as classroom supplies, utilities cost, faculty salaries, and basic needs. The gap in our annual operating budget is usually between \$250,000 - \$450,000 per year, which fluctuates with enrollment, tuition, and salaries. Anything raised above and beyond our operating budget is used for capital expenses and program enhancements. Each contribution is a gift of confidence in our children and in the strength of our mission.



Endowment Fund

Monsignor Beahan Education Endowment Fund

Gifts to the Monsignor Beahan Education Endowment Fund demonstrate a lasting commitment to the financial viability of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School. An endowment is an investment fund that allows a portion of the annual return on investment to be used for annual or capital purposes. Once our endowment fund reaches \$1,000,000, we would be able to withdraw about \$50,000 each year for annual or capital purposes.

What to Give

Annual Gifts



Yearly gifts to the Annual Fund are used the same year to support the annual operating expenses. You may choose to make a gift through a contribution envelope, a one-time digital transaction or automatic monthly or weekly contributions. Annual gifts are made to the Saints for Tomorrow Annual Fund.

Planned Gifts



Planned gifts allow you to contribute assets in the future in the form of bequests, charitable gift annuities, gifts of stock, life insurance, or charitable remainder trusts. Planned giving often helps you strategically capitalize on the value of your assets. Planned gifts may be made to either the Annual Fund or Endowment Fund.

Capital Gifts



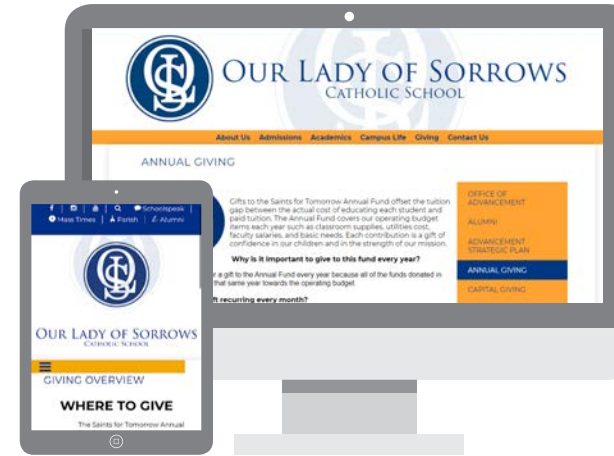
Capital gifts are designated by you for a specific capital improvement including facility improvements, academic updates, and identity enhancements. Capital gift designations are made in collaboration with the School Leadership Team to align with the current goals and missions of the school. Capital gifts are made to the Saints for Tomorrow Annual Fund.

Commemorative Gifts



Gifts made in honor or in memory are an especially thoughtful way to pay tribute to loved ones or the fine teachers and students at Our Lady of Sorrows. "In lieu of flowers" memorial donations celebrate the life of a loved one while supporting the work of educating young minds. Commemorative gifts may be made to either the Annual Fund or Endowment Fund.

How to Give



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Thank you!

Good and Gracious God,

We thank you for the gift of our benefactors. Their time encourages us and their gifts enable us to fulfill the ministry you have entrusted to us. We pray for their personal intentions, knowing that you have a good plan for each of their lives. We ask that the benefactors of Our Lady of Sorrows will one day behold your face in Your Heavenly Kingdom.

Amen.



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