

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONTINUED

- Our Adult Faith Formation and Social Justice staff member, Grace Koleczek, left our staff in January 2024, and Ben Caduff began on staff in July 2024.

PASTORAL CARE

- There have been 40 funerals since July 2023. 4 funeral luncheon teams served 34 luncheons.
- *Grief Ministry* follow-up calls and mailings continued on a monthly basis.
- Risen Savior continues to be a member of the *Growing Through Loss Coalition*. Our Fall series was held at *Augustana Lutheran Church*.
- The *Widow's Connection* meets monthly with approximately 25 women attending.
- We have 9 active BeFriender Ministers. They meet monthly from September-June. They hosted the annual *All Souls Evening Prayer of Remembrance* in November 2023.
- 14 Word/Communion presiders minister monthly at *Villa Assisted Living, Augustana Care Center, Havenwood Senior Living, Ecumen Senior Living*. Monthly Masses are celebrated at the *Villa, Havenwood, and Ecumen* facilities.
- 4 Communion Ministers bring Communion to the patients at *Ridges Hospital* once a week.
- 7 home Eucharistic Ministers are assigned to take Communion to people unable to come to Church. Many of our BeFrienders also bring Communion to their BeFriendees. Some of our parishioners bring Eucharist to their family members.
- We continue to receive online prayer requests for our email prayer line. Our prayer ministers are very dedicated to this ministry.
- Our *Prayer Shawl* creators and *Peacemakers* continue to create beautiful shawls and quilts for people experiencing a surgery, a loss, or a joy in their lives. They also provide shawls and quilts to the *Spiritual Care Department at Ridges Hospital*. The *Anti-Human Trafficking Committee* gives prayer shawls to graduates of the *Breaking Free* program.
- 53 Cub Foods cards and 39 gas cards were given to people who came to our office in need of assistance.
- *Church of the Risen Savior* is one of 25 collaborating congregations with *St. Catherine's University* in a *Lilly Grant* project. Risen Savior is focused on our life as a multicultural community and how to grow together and continue to honor cultural traditions. We receive grant money that is used in parish activities supporting this vision.

LATINO MINISTRY

- 800 Latino families are registered at Risen Savior.
- We had a significant increase in Mass attendance averaging approximately 900 people per Sunday.
- Fr. Mario Castagnola taught Adult Faith Formation classes on two Tuesdays per month; approximately 45 attendees per class.
- We have adoration every Friday from 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Holy Hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This is a bilingual offering for the entire community. Approximately 60 people attend every Friday. On the first Friday of every month, we offer a Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- Weddings: 13 Latino couples
- Baptisms: 60 children
- 3 funerals
- RICA: 1 adult was baptized and received the Sacraments of initiation, 3 adults received First Eucharist, 3 adults were confirmed, and 11 CIC children were baptized and received First Eucharist.
- 9 Quinceañera masses were celebrated.
- On October 15, the annual Health Fair, sponsored by *St Mary's Health Clinics*, administered 198 flu-shots, 130 COVID shots, and 56 dental varnish applications for children and adults. Other community resources offered: blood pressure checks, diabetes management, blood sugar levels checks, etc. at no cost to the participant.
- Additional Health Event: On November 7, the *Minnesota Department of Health, St. Mary's Clinic* and *SAGE* offered mammograms for breast cancer prevention; 45 women participated.
- Outreach: A couple of Sundays during this cycle, the *Immigrant Rights Association* visited our community providing information and support for parishioners who do not have a driver's license. Additionally, on 3 Sundays, lawyers and qualified professionals from the *Archdiocesan Civil Rights Assembly* provided information and support to the Latino community with their immigration processes.
- Archdiocesan Latino Marriage Retreat on February 10, 2024.
- Latino Commission and Latino Knights of Columbus cooked and served tacos at our annual Fall Fest. It was a great opportunity for integration and bridging.
- Guadalupe Committee: There were 46 visitations of the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe to Spanish-speaking homes by the Guadalupe committee. These visits included praying the Holy Rosary with each family. This is called "Pascua Guadalupana." It is a way of evangelization to bring more people to our parish.
- On December 12, the celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe was vibrant and successful! We had folkloric dancers, Mariachi band, and beautiful decorations. The attendance was tremendous; the building was at capacity.



Dear parishioners,

Is it already Autumn? It seems only yesterday that Archbishop Hebda was here to install me for my six-year term as Pastor. Church of the Risen Savior is a parish on the move, and it's important to take stock, to discern how we are called to move forward. Indeed, we are "building bridges" among our diverse parish membership and with the world at large.

Our Annual Financial Report is a vital part of this. This overview captures the hard work and good stewardship of the committed people of our community. Your weekly contributions continue to play a critical role in keeping the ministries and mission of Risen Savior alive and well.

The Annual Financial Report reflects why I am so hopeful for the future of this vibrant Community. This report demonstrates the gifts of our Parish Council, the Finance Council, the Staff, and our parishioners. A report like this requires real diligence by all involved. It gives Risen Savior a framework to articulate in numbers our ongoing ministries.

I want to thank our staff for this year's detailed analysis that is so critical in creating a document like this. Their work with members of the Finance Council helps to complete the picture where we are financially through June 30, 2024.

Your extraordinary generosity has helped to make us a vibrant community. Our parish is growing in number and in its reach. We are building bridges within our community. We continue to experience Christ's presence in the celebration of the sacraments, the youth and adult formation programs, and our outreach. Likewise, we embrace that we are one family. A family with great hope and its share of bumps and bruises. A family that is empowered by Christ's love.

As you read this Annual Financial Report, please lift up in prayer the friends and family it represents. Thank you for your generosity, your passion for this parish and its incredible future.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Matthew Malek, OFM Conv
Pastor

Dear Risen Savior parishioners:



I am pleased to share our annual parish report for the fiscal year that covered the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. We use this report to say "Thank You" while providing you with a transparent accounting of how we used the resources that you provided. Through your generosity, our parish was able to complete the fiscal year with a surplus. It is with great hope that you continue to support Risen Savior with your generous financial contributions to allow us to do our mission of continuing the good work of Jesus by serving you and others.

At the time of this writing, I had been on staff for nearly nine months. Upon joining the team, I immediately noticed how welcoming all of you are and how professional the staff are. Over time I have observed firsthand their dedication to their specific areas of ministries as they, together with amazing volunteers, plan and execute programs, events, and learning opportunities for the whole parish community. In this report are the ministry highlights that attest to all that hard work. I encourage you to please express your appreciation to them when you get the chance.

The year ahead is full of anticipation and excitement. Many activities are planned as staff vacancies become filled. The planned addition of another Spanish Mass is possibly the most awaited one, along with, hopefully, possible improvements in the Sanctuary and the Commons as well as the continued upkeep of our entire facility. I, therefore, appeal to you to please prayerfully consider increasing your financial support to Risen Savior. It has always been your generosity with your time, talent, and treasure that has sustained us over the years.

I pray for God's abundant blessings to all of us!

Sherwin Pasillos
Parish Administrator

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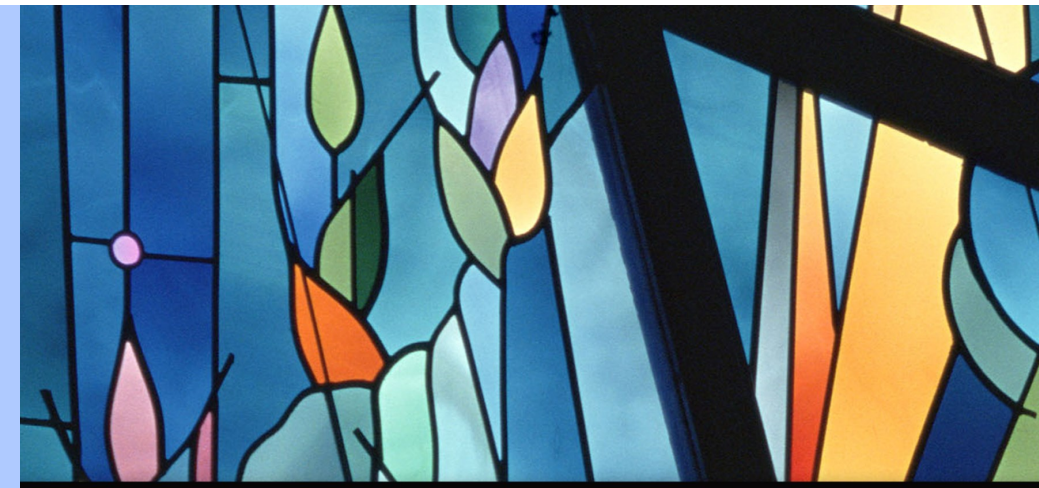
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