

Outreach

In 2012 Fr. Steve Ryan decided that our Church, Mary Help of Christians, needed to do more to reach out to the less fortunate! At the time we had a Salesian missionary volunteering named Elisa Figuero who took the task to heart and reached out to the parishioners. Elisa researched suggested sites. On our first one Elisa, Beverly Wiebeld, Bob, and Marge Fallon sat in front of the Good Shephard Building on Hillsborough Ave.! Unfortunately, only a few people chose to visit us.

Next, someone suggested we try St. Francis of Assisi's grounds, we patiently waited with sandwiches but no takers. While we were there, we brainstormed that the woods were nearby, we packed up and went searching. We found a group hidden in the woods and they gladly accepted the food and supplies.

It took a few months of trials, but Elisa called the diocese and received permission to set up in front of Catholic Charities on Busch Blvd. Father Steve Ryan set up an Outreach account to help with the purchase of the supplies. Around this time, we were given a small closet in the building to keep supplies and Publix began to donate fresh bread and pastry. Our trips to Outreach were made in the good old reliable (ha) blue bus, so with donated food, sixty sandwiches and a few extra hands, a Knights of Columbus member or two always accompanying us we forged ahead to Catholic Charities.

As our Outreach supplies grew, we were moved to the basement (who knew there was a basement)! The basement was a prime place, but not without problems: dampness and stairs being a challenge- but it was our home.

Our biggest blessing came when Deacon Ed retired from his sheriff position and joined the team! His organization and talent have made us what we are today! The Blessed Mother has kept us dry and safe over the years. In all our eleven years we have only had one rainy day! During the pandemic, Deacon Ed, and Kevin Einsmann with a few of our faithful Knights of Columbus members and their wives continued to reach out with food until our full group could once again run at full force!

Unfortunately, our beloved blue bus has been laid to rest replaced by helping hands that use their own vehicles and trucks to transport our food bags, diapers, toiletries, and canned goods!

God bless our priests, deacon, and good people of our parish for all the help over the years!



Statement of Activities
Monthly P & L Summary
July 31, 2023

	<u>Current Month Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income		
Offertory Revenue Totals:	19,615.75	19,615.75
Other Operating Revenue Totals:	886.94	886.94
Charity & Outreach Totals:	111.00	111.00
School Support Totals:	424.97	424.97
Dedicated/Restricted Rev & Exp Totals:	1,941.05	1,941.05
Income Totals:	<u>22,979.71</u>	<u>22,979.71</u>
Expense		
Pastoral Leadership Totals:	2,475.00	2,475.00
Worship & Music Totals:	2,363.12	2,363.12
Faith Formation Totals:	1,437.58	1,437.58
Charity & Outreach Totals:	2,014.47	2,014.47
Diocesan Support Totals:	342.94	342.94
Administration Totals:	14,321.61	14,321.61
Facilities/PPE Totals:	869.34	869.34
Expense Totals:	<u>23,824.06</u>	<u>23,824.06</u>
Income - Expense:	<u><u>(844.35)</u></u>	<u><u>(844.35)</u></u>

****These figures are the actual amounts for the month ending 07/31/2023**
If you have any questions regarding these figures, please feel free to contact
any of the members of the Finance Committee listed below.

Account details available upon request.

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