

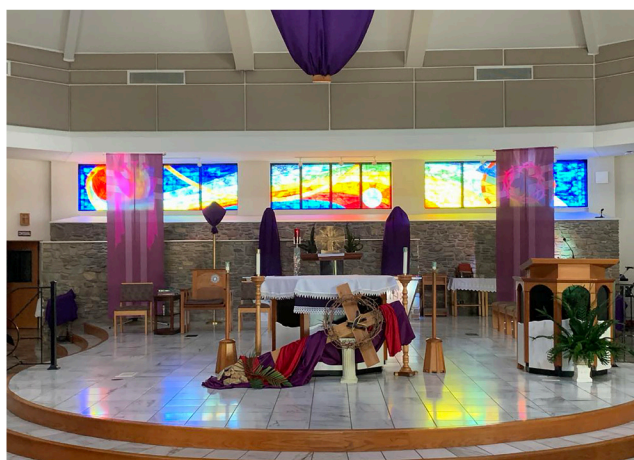


OUR LADY
— OF FATIMA —

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT JULY 1, 2025

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This report prepared by the finance committee with grateful thanks to office staff, other volunteers and ministries who helped collect the data.



PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor Father Peter Iorio
 Parochial Vicar Father Joseph Austin
 Parochial Vicar Father Renzo Alvarado Suarez
 Deacon Leon Dodd
 Deacon Bill Jacobs



Office Manager and Bookkeeper Kim Adamson
 Director of Music & Liturgy Dr. Christy Lee
 Pastoral Assoc. & HS Youth & YA Ministry Coordinator Luis Ramos
 Facilities Manager Israel Miller
 Director of Religious Education Jessica O'Boyle
 Office Assistant Elizabeth Borovy
 Secretary Ana Carballo



OUR FINANCES



2024-2025
ENDING
06/30/25

INCOME

Offertory Revenue	\$1,551,843
Other Revenues	\$115,747
Total Revenues	\$1,667,590

OPERATING EXPENSES

Assessments	\$268,652
Pastoral/admin	\$60,414
Clergy	\$240,664
Lay Salaries/Benefits/taxes	\$471,055
Music	\$11,611
Liturgy	\$17,988
Religious Ed	\$7,176
RCIA / OCIA	\$2,621
Spiritual Life	\$3,025
Youth	\$25,174
Family Life	\$2,013
Parish Life	\$9,760
Social Action	\$19,671
Parish Council	\$12
Communications	\$907
Operations/Maintenance	\$227,204
Capital Expenditures	\$2,651
Diocesan/special	\$12,213

TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	\$1,382,811
CASH FLOW SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$284,779
OPERATING CASH	\$500,134
RESERVE/SAVINGS	\$707,026

HOW GIFTS OF TREASURE SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

2025-2026 BUDGET

	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Lay Salaries & Benefits	\$515,718	32.70%
Diocesan Assessments	\$291,538	18.50%
Clergy	\$289,718	18.40%
Building Operation & Maintenance	\$225,224	14.30%
Pastoral Administration	\$84,892	5.40%
Youth/Faith Formation	\$45,213	2.90%
Social Action	\$19,000	1.20%
Family Life	\$23,920	1.50%
All Other	\$82,985	5.30%
Total	\$1,578,208	100.00%

- Lay Salaried and Benefits includes; pastoral assistant, secretary, administrative assistant, bookkeeper / office manager, facilities maintenance manager, director of religious education, coordinator of high school and young adult ministry, and family life coordinator.
- Diocesan Assessments are assigned by the Diocesan office.
- Clergy includes priests' salaries and benefits, auto expense, food, household expense and retreat expense. We now have 3 priests here at OLOF.
- Building Operation & Maintenance includes the cost to maintain our church facilities including utility costs.
- Pastoral Administration includes office supplies, printing, parish envelopes, postage, and shipping, office equipment rental, processing fees, subscriptions, misc. expenses.
- Youth / Faith Formation includes textbooks, curriculum, confirmation and other retreats, transportation, meals and continuing education / certification.
- Social Action includes supporting Good Neighbors, Pregnancy Resource Center, Catholic Charities, Compassion Counseling, and others.
- All Other includes budgets for Music, Liturgy, pastoral council, adult education, OCIA, communications, spiritual life, and parish life.

GIVING REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING: JUNE 30, 2025

AMOUNT GIVEN	# GIVERS	% CONTRIBUTERS	TOTAL GIVEN	% OF TOTAL
\$0 - \$100	79	12.2%	\$3,457	0.2%
\$100 - \$200	35	5.4%	\$5,347	0.3%
\$200 - \$300	35	5.4%	\$9,287	0.6%
\$300 - \$400	26	4.0%	\$8,543	0.5%
\$400 - \$500	24	3.7%	\$11,019	0.7%
\$500 - \$600	27	4.2%	\$15,149	1.0%
\$600 - \$700	11	1.7%	\$7,264	0.5%
\$700 - \$800	8	1.2%	\$6,892	0.4%
\$800 - \$900	14	2.2%	\$12,769	0.8%
\$900 - \$1,000	16	2.5%	\$16,376	1.0%
\$1,000 - \$1,500	95	14.6%	\$121,129	7.7%
\$1,500 - \$2,000	61	9.4%	\$102,199	6.5%
\$2,000 - \$2,500	39	6.0%	\$83,350	5.3%
\$2,500 - \$3,000	24	3.7%	\$66,897	4.2%
\$3,000 - \$3,500	21	3.2%	\$74,825	4.7%
\$3,500 - \$4,000	26	4.0%	\$97,252	6.2%
\$4,000 - \$5,000	30	4.6%	\$132,914	8.4%
\$5,000 - \$10,000	53	8.2%	\$353,328	22.4%
\$10,000 - \$15,000	17	2.6%	\$198,390	12.6%
\$15,000 - \$20,000	2	0.3%	\$38,705	2.4%
\$20,000 - \$65,000	6	0.9%	\$214,914	13.6%

* excludes bequeaths,
interest income,
other revenue

TOTAL

\$1,580,006

Total \$ given are identifiable offertory and gifts by envelope, check, or online giving.

OUR SACRAMENTS

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33

Baptisms

40

Individuals Receiving
Their First Holy
Communion

46

Individuals
Confirmed

14

Individuals Completing
OCIA & Received
Into the Church

17

Funeral
Masses

2

Marriages Performed
in the Church

2

Memorial
Masses



OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

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52

Weekend Masses
[Spanish]

6

Holy Day Masses
[English / Spanish]

167

Weekend Masses
[English]

156

Hours Provided
For Confession

398

Morning and Noon
Daily Masses

337

Live Masses
Posted Online

1,150

Average Mass
Attendance
June 2025



OUR MINISTRIES

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRIES

- **Parish Pastoral Council** – Plan and guide growth of parish
- **Parish Finance Committee** – Consultative assistance to pastor on finances and budget

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

- **Columbarium Committee** – Administer parish columbarium
- **Community Food Connection** – Provide food to needy in cooperation with community churches and organizations
- **Council of Catholic Women** – For all women of parish to participate in local, diocesan and national Catholic programs
- **Quilters, Crafters** – Parishioners who make prayer quilts and shawls for the sick
- **Family Promise** – A community organization giving homeless families the gift of security
- **Hispanic Community** – Programs and fellowship by and for the Hispanic Community
- **Welcoming Committee** – Making it easy for new parishioners to be part of our parish community
- **Knights of Columbus** – A national and international service organization of Catholic men
- **Office Volunteer** – Generous assistance of volunteers in the church office
- **Pregnancy Resource Center** – Providing a wide range of services for those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy
- **Video Streaming** – Distribution of mass to those unable to attend church services
- **Warming Shelter** – In conjunction with several local churches provide a warm night for homeless when subfreezing weather occurs

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- **Liturgy Committee**- Oversees liturgical ministries (servers, sacristans, lectors, & plan special seasons and feasts)
- **Arts and Environment Ministry** - Maintains plants in the church including altar decoration
- **Extraordinary Ministers**- Distribute Holy Communion during mass or to the sick
- **Lectors**- Proclaim the readings at each mass
- **Sacristan**- Prepare worship space and altar for mass, maintain reverence for all articles of worship and liturgical activities
- **Ushers/greeter**- Volunteers assigned to these duties. New volunteers always appreciated

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- **Care for Creation** – putting the vision of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si* into practice
- **Hispanic Ministry** – Serves the Spanish speaking community of the parish for Eucharistic liturgies, devotions, cultural heritage events as well as working with the English speaking in the parish to build a unified Catholic community. A rep from the community serves on the parish pastoral council and Father Pete meets monthly with leaders to plan and assess the needs of the community
- **Catholic War Veterans** - Veterans from the area and our Church unite for fellowship and giving to those veterans in need
- **Haiti Outreach** - Parishioners assisting the needs of our sister parish & school in Haiti both financially and actual visits



OUR MINISTRIES

OUTREACH MINISTRIES (Continued)

- **Home/Nursing home Holy Communion** - Bringing the Blessed Sacrament to shut-ins
- **Jail Ministry** - Visiting those in jail regardless of faith with a spiritual message
- **Quilters & Crafters** - The making of prayer quilts to those sick or suffering
- **Respect Life** - In conjunction with local, state and national organizations to bring attention to and respect for the dignity of all persons from conception to natural death
- **St. Joseph Helpers** - A networking ministry of Catholics connected through texts and emails called by grace to the acts of asking to be served and serving the needs of others
- **Healing Ministry** - A team of trained lay ministers who pray for physical, spiritual, or emotional needs of individuals every third weekend of the month
- **Martha's Hands** - A ministry dedicated to feeding and serving neighbors in Blount County by preparing, delivering or serving meals to those in need

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

- **Catholic Men's Social** - A monthly get together for all men to enjoy conversation, pool, and beverage
- **Suppers Club** - Several groups of parishioners that rotate meals in their homes
- **Wisdom & Grace** - Group for "empty nesters"



FAITH MINISTRIES

- **Bible and Breakfast** - Bring a breakfast item and discuss the Bible each Thursday morning
- **OCIA** - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. For those wishing to convert to the Catholic faith
- **That Man Is You** - Saturday morning men's program that studies the interaction of men with their families
- **Women's Faith Formation** - A women's bible study program that meets on two different days weekly
- **Fellowship of Young Adults** - "FOYA" - Helping young adults to grow in their faith, meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month

MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Music Ministry helps parishioners to worship God through music and to build community through the language of music. It provides an accessible bridge to the unique challenges of a diverse and multi-lingual parish community.

The music ministry hosts several special events during the year featuring guest musicians from the University of Tennessee, The Knoxville Opera, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Marble City Opera, Maryville College and others.

In combination with OLOF, the Christ the King, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and Ascension weekend masses had music programs enhanced for worship and praise with these highly skilled performers. In addition, the music ministry held "Advent by Candlelight" and The Monsignor Bill Caghagan Memorial Lenten series and a Jubilee event. See "Parish in Action" in this booklet for more details!

OLOF has 5 active choirs:

- **Fatima Choir Blue** - 11 AM Mass
- **Fatima Gold Contemporary Choir** - 8:30 PM
- **Coro Hispanico** - Spanish Masses
- **Bilingual Choir** - Offered on Holy Days throughout the year. They have grown to about 35 musicians and are a combination of singers who's hard work to practice and overcome language barriers
- **Fatimistas** - A children's program for Christmas Evening & Palm Sunday



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

11

HS Ministry
Adult Volunteers

21

Faith Formation
Volunteers

43

Youth Volunteers

80

Singers

27

Catholic War
Veterans

15

Instrumentalists

468

St. Joseph Helpers
Members

90

Council Catholic
Women (CCW)

16

That Man Is You
(TMIY)

5

Office Volunteers

30

Martha's Hands

12

Active Collection
Counters

3

Jail Ministry

24

Healing Ministers

30

Community
Food Connection

35

Ushers

15

Children's Liturgy

97

Eucharistic
Adorers

150

Knights of Columbus
(KOC)

10

Welcome Ministry

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- **Faith Formation (PreK-5th)** - Includes Catechesis of The Good Shepherd, Sacramental Preparation, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Faith Formation Summer Events, Confirmation Year 1
- **Classes held for the "school year"** - Faith Formation 29, Youth Ministry 31
- **Children who received First Holy Communion** - 40
- **Youth Ministry (6th-12th)** - Includes weekly dinners, Confirmation Year 2 Prep Summer Ministry, Community Service Projects, and Retreats
- **Students who received Confirmation** - 46
- **Children in Faith Formation** - 154
- **Faith Formation Summer Events** - 30 Participants
- **Youth Ministry Students** - 116
- **Youth Summer Ministry** - 18
- **Youth Ministry Service Projects** - Thanksgiving Bread Making, Luminaries, Lenten Meal, Faith Formation Mentors, Faith Formation Retreat, Live Streaming of Masses & Events
- **# of Hours Served** - 107
- **# of YM Volunteers for Service Projects** - 41
- **Youth Ministry Retreats** - Eagle Rock, One Bread One Cup, Steubenville Youth Conference
- **Youth Ministry Adult Volunteers (Middle and High School)** - 10
- **Youth Volunteers** - 43 (These are middle and high school students who have volunteered in our Faith Formation Classrooms, Faith Formation Summer Events, MSM/HSM fundraisers and HS leaders at the Confirmation Retreat.)



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The Welcome ministry hosted 97 new families this year holding 2 receptions with church tours.

Usher Ministry has 35 volunteers who gave over 170 service hours at masses this year. They play an important role in greeting everyone before mass. Any parishioner over the age of 16 are welcome to join this ministry!

The Respect Life Committee held several events: America Needs Fatima public Rosary event; Spiritual adoption program and annual Diaper drive for the Blount County Pregnancy Center

Over 30 volunteers for **Community Food Connection** gave 863 service hours by distributing food 4 days a week at the Pantry, counseling needy families and assisting in the Quarterly food drives at our local grocery stores. Thank you for your enduring support!

The **Catholic War Veterans Post 1973** continues to be the only Catholic post in the state of Tennessee. The 27 volunteers of the Post held quarterly breakfast burrito sales and Poppy sales, which helped purchase and install a Stairlift chair for a disabled veteran and to cover the costs to install a walk-in shower for a disabled veteran. Their service hours totalled over 440 hours!

OLOF Warming Station volunteers support the Blount County shelter by helping to serve meals on Wednesday evening in the months of November through March when temperatures are 25 degrees and below. About 35 volunteers served 26 meals and gave 120 service hours to this project.

Fatima Faithful Newsletter has 8 volunteers who create and print this monthly supplement in our bulletin. This newsletter highlights activities thought the parish. This requires 20-25 service hours each month.

The OLOF Music Ministry continues to enhance our worship of God through music and provided 4 music events this year: the Monsignor Bill Gahagan Memorial Lenten Music series (6 evenings); hosted "Instituto" an all day workshop co-sponsored with Hispanic ministries for the role of the musician in Mass. 80 musicians were present on this day of education and fellowship with 8 other parishes represented; The Advent by Candlelight Music Meditation; and the Pope Francis Memorial Ecumenical Vigil on April 29th in remembrance of the Pope. The Knoxville Opera Chorus also participated in this vigil; hosted Pilgrimage and Praise on July 13th as part of the Jubilee celebration. The Knoxville Opera, Fatima instrumentalists gave a beautiful musical program showcasing sacred music and prayer.

Martha's Hands is in their 3rd year of outreach ministry. They have teamed with Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless to provide

** Only a small sample of parish activities.*

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a mobile shower truck in our community, under a program called "SOS" or Street Outreach Services. Our parish was host 4 times this past year. The group prepares a monthly luncheon meal which is distributed to various locations in Blount county for those suffering from food insecurities. OLOF offers meals in the Social hall and over 30 volunteers offer help to package, serve or deliver over 100 meals.

St. Paula's Widow Widower Ministry, former in 2023 provide daily prayer, and support for those grieving. This group of 15-20 volunteers provide daily prayers for those suffering loss. They hold 3 monthly activities: 1st Thursdays dinner out; 2nd Wednesday Coffee; 3rd Tuesday is a regular meeting at 12:45 PM.

Wisdom and Grace gathered about 75 fellow parishioners this year for fellowship. They went bowling and attended Smokeys, and Ice Bears games. All are welcome!

The Comfort Committee held 13 receptions after funeral masses in the Social Hall and served meals at the 3 other special events held at OLOF for the Bishop and priest events.

St. Joseph Helpers gave over 500 hours of service this year on over 60 projects coordinating donors with requests for needs from household items, to rides and even repairs. This year, they helped transform a carport into a bedroom space, providing all the manpower and expertise, including a building permit. Their work is never paid for and comes from the Holy Spirit to spread Christ's love through service.

Over \$2750 of **KARM** gift cards were made available to OLOF to give to families or individuals in need. Your donations to KARM have a direct impact to these gift cards.

The Eucharistic Exposition ministry now has 97 members who provide over 120 hours of Exposition per month. This year, 40 Hours devotion is being held in the chapel with continuous adoration, by members and other parishioners.

The Women's Faith Ministry facilitated 4 studies this year, with about 35 participants, and 2 leaders. The studies covered the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, Jesus and The Eucharist, and a biblical study of Christ's Passion.

The OLOF Council of Catholic Women (CCW) hold meetings and events every month, including speakers on topics of spirituality, leadership and service. Over 1000 service hours were recorded. Did you know that each month, you can participate in a national Call in rosary and pray with women across the United States. Thank you CCW for your programs this year! The CCW group collected and

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packaged 142 Boxes of Joy for the Cross Catholic Outreach this year, sent to children in developing countries who normally don't receive a gift for Christmas. They also manage the Blessing Box on our campus, represent our parish at Catholic Charities.

Hispanic Community hosted Kermess featuring Hispanic food, music, games and culture with many attendees. For the second year, they performed a live Good Friday service with both adults and youth in performance. This event was widely enjoyed by both parishioners and the community! Also enjoyed was the December devotional events for Our Lady of Guadalupe and Las Posadas

The Care for Creation ministry held several programs this year including: the October Pilgrimage BioBlitz to highlight plant species on OLOF property; worked with our Youth to reduce waste and provide recycling education; and spoke at the CCW meeting to present Native plans and their Pollinator Garden. Over 135 service hours were recorded! Members maintain a colorful, interactive bulletin board next to the nursery.

The OLOF Knights of Columbus Council 3832 performs many acts of service to our parish, neighbors and those in need. KOC prepares our annual parish picnic grilled food, and the pancake breakfasts after masses. This year, they gave \$5000 to the Blount County Food Connection, and raised \$13,000 at their recent Golf tournament. The KOC also donated \$10,000 to SOAR which is an organization whose mission is to empower intellectually disabled adults to live fulfilling lives. These fundraisers allow them to sponsor our parish picnic, buy flowers to hand out on Mothers day, and cook other meals for special events for OLOF, often in collaboration with other ministries. Their honor guard participated at the Bishop Beckman installation, and also during his visits to OLOF and at funerals upon request.

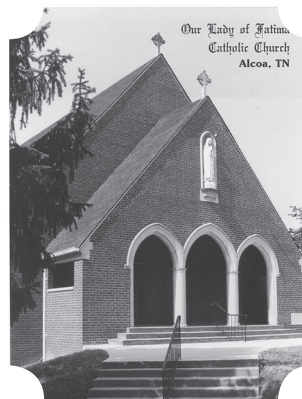
The Healing Ministry provides prayer over people in need of healing. There are 25 trained volunteers who offer this at the parish chapel each month, and sometimes at nursing homes. Over 25 hours of service have been given by these volunteers.

The Neurodiversity Group hosted 24 meetings during the year for kids and teens. This ministry provides a safe and welcoming place for ADHD, and autistic individuals and their families to meet and socialize. This helps them to build community by playing games and supporting imaginative play and low stress environment.

The Haiti Outreach Mission supports the College of Monsignor Jean Baptist Decoste in Thomonde, Haiti. This is for middle and high school education. OLOF provided \$50,000 in financial support this last year, much of which comes from the monthly green Haiti envelopes collection. OLOF support represents about 40% of the school's budget, paying for teachers salaries and the school lunch program for 295 students. This ministry has been active for over 30 years!

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HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Prior to September 1950, Catholic mass was celebrated occasionally in a private home; except for these rare instances, the Catholics of Blount and Sevier counties drove cars or rode buses to Knoxville every Sunday to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. A survey, requested by Bishop William Adrian, to determine the number of Catholics living in the two counties was made in the summer of 1950 by Rev. John Tierney. As a result of this survey, the Mission Parish of Maryville was established with Rev. Paul Clunan appointed Pastor. On September 3, 1950 the first mass was celebrated in a funeral home in Maryville.

In November 1950, a two-story house located at 211 Ellis Avenue in Maryville was leased. The new church was officially named Our Lady of Fatima (OLOF). The first High Mass was celebrated in the new church on Christmas Day. There were approximately fifty families attending Our Lady of Fatima at this time. Several days after the first anniversary of the church, four and a half acres of land was purchased from the Aluminum Company of America. The parish served about eighty families at that time. The dedication of the new church was held Saturday, December 6, 1952 with Bishop William Adrian again officiating at the ceremony. In September 1955 Our Lady of Fatima School opened its doors, becoming the first Catholic grade school in the area. The school was in operation until it closed in 1970.

Since its organization Our Lady of Fatima parish (to April 1986) has had several pastors: Rev. (later Monsignor) Paul Clunan, 1950-1957, Rev. John Baltz, 1957-66, Rev. James Marphy, 1966-68, Rev. Herbert Prescott, 1968-69, Rev. Paul Wortmann, 1969-77, Rev. James Murray, 1977-83, Rev. Francis Schilling 1983-1993. By April 1986 the parish had grown to over 300 families.

The years 1986-94 saw OLOF realize slow but steady growth. In 1994 it became necessary to begin planning for new and larger facilities. On September 8, 1988, the Catholic presence and influence in east 17 Tennessee was forever altered when many OLOF parishioners joined 5,000 other Catholics for the creation of the Diocese of Knoxville and the ordination of Bishop Anthony O'Connell as the first Bishop of Knoxville.

In mid 1993 we welcomed Fr. Joseph Brando as our new pastor. We were a parish of approximately 350 families. The spring of 1994 saw the formation of a steering committee for the purpose of researching diocesan requirements, demographics of Blount County, availability of suitable property, possible designs for a church, and of utmost importance, testing the pulse of membership. Two options were reviewed: first, find 25 acres of new property in reasonable proximity to central Blount County at a cost we could afford, second add on to existing facilities. Membership was split 50/50 with sound logical arguments on each side. In the fall of 1994, it was learned the ATT building on Calderwood and Alcoa highway (present Fatima Center) was for sale at a bargain price. Also, the house (present rectory), located at the front of the ATT building had recently gone on the market. The committee purchased both properties. The ATT closing was January 17, 1995, followed by the closing of the residence on January 30.

On June 6, 1996 we held our last mass on Wright Road. August 11 and 12, 1996 we officially moved into Fatima Center with weekend masses. September 1996

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construction began under the direction of Merit Construction. A particularly moving event occurred December 8, 1999 when the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was placed in the niche above the entry doors of the new church.

Dedication day, March 11, 2000, was more than the realization of "The Dream." For all in attendance it was a deeply moving experience. The hymn "Sing a New Church" was at last a reality. Who can forget the flood of emotion and spirituality when, as is traditional, the lights are turned off and then turned on to signify a new church's existence.

Several months after the dedication Rev. Alex Waraksa was installed as pastor, and Fr. Brando retired.

Early 2000's The outdoor Pavilion was funded and built by the Knights of Columbus with most of the work done by the Knights. Carl Sten, Doug Hill and Gerald Brimer (all deceased) headed up the construction with Brimer Steel and Erectors, Inc doing the heavy construction.

The crucifix that hangs above the main altar was made FG "Ski" Karnowski a parishioner. It was installed in 2005.

In early 2012 it became apparent that the Fatima Life Center needed to be upgraded and expanded to meet the growing need for office, educational and meeting space. Joseph Construction Company, owned by parishioner Joe Zappa did the construction work. The "Family Life Center" was dedicated June 18, 2013. The dedication prayer stated in part: "OUR LEGACY AND OUR FUTURE ARE ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL AND THE CELEBRATION TODAY SERVES TO SHOW US WHAT CAN BE DONE IF WE TRUST IN FAITH".

The Music Ministry has had many Directors. Sharon Brothers was music minister at the prior church on Wright Road in 1991 which carried over to the new Alcoa Location with Ed Best the Organist. Sharon left in 2008. Will Thomas was organist and director and stayed until 2013 when Rob Lynch took his place. Under Rob Lynch, the English-speaking choirs did Advent and Carol's, Made in America, around 2014.

Dr Christy Lee assumed the role of Music Director in 2021. Under her guidance, there are now 4 choirs. Contemporary choir (Fatima Gold at the 8:30 Mass), by Greg Ward (Fatima Blue at the 11 o'clock Mass) The Coro Hispanico choir and the Bilingual choir. The combined choirs often sing a bilingual Mass on holidays and special events and special Masses when the Bishop is the celebrant. Dr. Lee has presented numerous special events each year with many special guest musicians, instrumentalists and vocalists.

The two-car garage was built next to the rectory for the priest's autos. At the same time the garage was built, improvements were made to the exterior of the rectory by adding stonework to enhance the appearance and match the stonework on the garage.

The Columbarium landscaping and site preparation was required prior to first unit being installed in October 2014 which is completely sold out. A second Columbarium was installed in October 2020 with 32 of 96 sold. A third unit will be added in the future.

The Adoration Chapel was renovated and enlarged in 2016 to allow holding mass in the chapel to reduce heating and cooling cost in the main sanctuary as a goal of the HOME Campaign. Much of the work was performed by parishioners and members of the Knights of Columbus..

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Father Pete Iorio was assigned to OLOF in July 2019. He was born in New Jersey and grew up on Signal Mountain, outside of Chattanooga, TN. Fr. Pete was ordained at his home parish on the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, 1993. He was pastor at St. Augustine, Signal Mountain; pastor of St. Joseph the Worker in Madisonville; pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux in Cleveland, TN; (on sabbatical in Italy) and pastor of St. Mary's in Johnson City for 8 years before coming to Our Lady of Fatima.

Fr. Pete is a member of an ecclesial movement (like Cursillo and the Charismatic Movement) called Focolare/Work of Mary. The spiritual charism is unity. See John 17:21. He tries to live the Gospel by what is called the Art of Loving. Fr. Pete speaks Spanish, French, some Italian and loves words and phrases of other languages. He loves people and cultures and traveling. In May of 2025 he was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia by Bishop Beckman.

Fr. Adam Royal, ordained in June 2016, was assigned as Associate Pastor to OLOF in December 2019 and served until June 2023 when he was reassigned.

Fr. Joe Austin was born in Alabama and raised in Tennessee, Fr. Joe kept traveling north and attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, majoring in Computer Science. Fr. Joe's six-year seminary formation was spent at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in southern Indiana. Fr. Joe was ordained in 2023, with Our Lady of Fatima being his first parish assignment in June.

Father Renzo Alvarado Suarez was born in Santo Tomás, Atlántico – Colombia, During his fourth year of Theology, he received the Order of the Diaconate by the laying on of hands and prayer of Bishop Richard F. Stika, in the year 2023. In July 2023, he returned to the United States to join the Diocese of Knoxville where he was ordained in June 2025. He was assigned to Saint Patrick Parish in Morristown, and arrived at OLOF in 2025.

