

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay

Community Report 2023-2024

Check out what
we've been up to,
success stories,
and more!

Putting Our Faith Into Action

Adoption & Pregnancy Support Services • Mental Health Counseling Services • Financial Health Services
Immigration Legal Services • Refugee Services • Human Dignity & Life • Social Ministry & Community Outreach



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Serving all God's people
in the 16 counties of the
Diocese of Green Bay
since 1918.



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Green Bay

OUR MISSION

We put our faith into action by strengthening individuals, families, and communities while reflecting the love of God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

We will be known as a trusted, faith-based social services partner providing hope to those in need in the 16 counties of the Diocese of Green Bay.

OUR VALUES

- Connect to Inspire
- Embrace People's Hearts
- Explore Potential
- Empower to Act
- Nurture Abundant Life & Growth

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From the beginning, our work has represented a fundamental belief in the dignity and potential of every person and our collective ability to support our neighbors through their most challenging moments.

Today, 106 years after our founding, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay remains true to our mission of putting our faith into action by strengthening individuals, families, and communities while reflecting the love of God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This past year, our team of professional, dedicated staff stepped out boldly in new and innovative ways and positively impacted 10,374 people through our programs and services.

We accomplished this through in-person sessions and events, tele-health options, collaborative partnerships with parishes and community partners, and the grace of God.

Maintaining our financial stability, operational strength, and integrity of all program areas was one of our primary goals this year, along with building and strengthening the Catholic Charities team. We continue to invest in our staff with personal and professional development opportunities as they use their gifts to care for those in need.

We are grateful for your continued support which comes in so many forms – volunteering time, sharing expertise, leveraging connections to community resources, and gifts of financial support. Through this community report, you will see how your prayers and gifts have been critical to our mission and ability to build on our foundation. **Thank you for putting your faith into action.**

May God bless each of you and your families abundantly!

For His Glory,



David L. Ricken

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay and Chairman of the Catholic Charities Board



Karmen M. Lemke

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Executive Director, Mission Team Leader, and
President of the Catholic Charities Board

WE ARE THERE.

We serve our neighbors in need.

10,374

Individuals Reached
the Past Year
Agency Overall

846

Clients Served &
Processes in Progress
Immigration Legal Services

573

Clients Served With
Over 3,200 Sessions
Mental Health Counseling

335

Clients Served With
Over 800 Sessions
Financial Health Counseling

155

Outreach Events
Hosted & Attended
**Social Ministry &
Community Outreach**

146

Individuals &
Families Served
**Adoption & Pregnancy
Support Services**

142

Refugees Welcomed
to Green Bay
(44% Children)
**Refugee Resettlement
Services**

\$118,544

Given in Direct
Assistance
Agency Overall



Raised record proceeds of \$152,745 at our 10th annual “Inspired to Act” event, an important part of funding our mission.



Partnered with Catholic Charities USA on the “We Are There” national branding campaign. This represents our commitment to be present in the lives of those in need and meet people where they are in life’s journey.



Established a major presence in *On Mission* magazine, a new offering from the diocesan Office of Communications & Marketing that reaches +90,000 households. We also launched “Catholic Charities Corner” in *On Mission’s* weekly e-newsletter.



Expanded our reach to the Manitowoc area by adding a third virtual care “kiosk,” serving more people in rural areas who would otherwise have barriers to services.



Grew our school-based mental health program from two to three locations, serving our Catholic schools in rural communities.



Participated in the National Eucharistic Revival & Pilgrimage by hosting a community service project for the pilgrims and local volunteers during its time in our diocese.



“The Catholic Charities adoption program is pivotal to our story of becoming a family of three, and one we share joyfully with others when we share about the miracle of our son.”

- Molly and Ryan, a couple who adopted their son this year

“Rosa was in an extremely abusive relationship with her husband, so bad that she had to flee from her apartment. Luckily, she was able to find refuge in a local domestic violence shelter and was referred to us for immigration legal services as a victim of domestic violence. Our staff assisted her through the ‘U visa’ process for crime victims, and she is now able to work and support herself as a lawful permanent resident.”

- Laurie Martinez, Immigration Services Manager

“When a client’s mortgage was sold to a new company requesting substantial additional payments for 12 months, we recognized the financial hardship this would cause and crunched the numbers. Finding a lesser amount over 16 months that would prevent any escrow shortages, the client was able to negotiate with the mortgage company and establish a new payment plan that allowed her to maintain financial stability.”

- Kory Krauss, Financial Health Services Manager

“Rural Life Day Mass was attended by 150 people and raised +\$750 for scholarships to high school students pursuing the agricultural field.

Aiming to support those in rural areas in times of need, our Rural Life Financial Grant distributed \$8,500 to 13 individuals this past year.”

- Lori Paul, Social Ministry & Community Outreach Manager

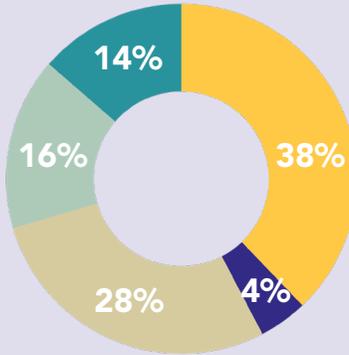
“The school-based mental health program provides a licensed Catholic counselor to care for students during the context of the school day. This blends our faith, inherent dignity for the whole person, and efficiency of care. In partnership with Catholic Charities, we can provide a game-changing opportunity for counseling right at school.”

- Katie Stanczak, Principal at St. Clare School, Wrightstown

2023-2024 Financial Overview

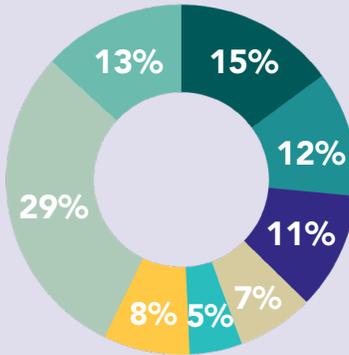
REVENUE

■ Bishop's Appeal	\$1,286,946
■ United Way	\$152,224
■ Donations and Investment Income.....	\$955,682
■ Fees for Services.....	\$541,154
■ State and Federal Contracts	\$462,773
Per Audit:.....	\$3,398,779
2024-25 Budget.....	\$4,010,211
Total Assets.....	\$6,332,670
Total Net Assets.....	\$6,188,811



PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

■ Administration/Support (Misc).....	\$523,987
■ Adoption & Pregnancy Support	\$408,759
■ Social Ministry & Outreach	\$381,534
■ Immigration Services	\$248,713
■ Refugee Services	\$170,601
■ Financial Health Services	\$281,328
■ Mental Health Counseling.....	\$1,041,940
■ Government Contracts	\$464,629
Per Audit:.....	\$3,521,491



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.

Locations

Green Bay Office
1825 Riverside Drive
(920) 272-8234

Menasha Office
LEAVEN Community
Resource Center
1475 Opportunity Way
(920) 734-2601

Marinette Office
3900 Hall Avenue, Suite C
(715) 735-7802

**Lakewood Virtual
Care Location**
Lakes Country Public Library
15235 WI-32

**Manitowoc Virtual
Care Location**
St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Office
601 N. 8th Street

Volunteers & Parish Ambassadors Put Their Faith Into Action

Join us in living out the Gospel call to love and serve our neighbors by helping with donation management, teaching financial and mental health classes, or being the welcoming face to new members of our community. Become a volunteer today!

Are you looking for an opportunity to connect your parish with the Catholic life? Sign up today to be a parish ambassador and support the vital work of Catholic Charities.

Visit catholiccharitiesgb.org/volunteer to learn more about both of these opportunities!



Highlights: **65 Volunteers | 513 Hours Donated**

- Partnered with Prince of Peace (Bellevue) and St. Thomas More (Appleton) parishes for Baby Bottle Campaigns that raised +\$7,000 to assist new parents and expectant mothers.
- Volunteered at Paul's Pantry during the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage's route in our diocese.
- Participated in our annual Catholic Charities Give Back Day on Giving Tuesday.

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Save the Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025

The Marq | 3177 French Road, De Pere

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for our 2025 event! More details to come.

