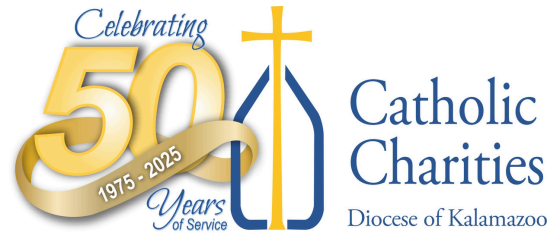


2024 ANNUAL REPORT



“We are God’s Hands providing housing, health and hope to His children.”

A Message from our Executive Director



Ms. Toni Newell

Thank you to each of you for choosing to be a part of this community of giving. Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo is not just an agency or a name; it is a place of refuge for those we serve. At some point in each of our lives, we have experienced times of trouble, whether that be spiritually, financially, emotionally, or physically. Looking back, we recognize there were people along the way who helped us back to a place of stability. While the challenges of those we serve may be different than our own, the feelings of hopelessness and despair are similar. That is where Catholic Charities comes in. People come to Catholic Charities because they know all are welcome here and that no matter what they are going through, we are here to help. This reputation as a beacon of hope is a direct result of your support of Catholic Charities. Through your prayers, advocacy, volunteer work, and financial contributions, you have made Catholic Charities a safe haven for those in need. Through your good works, we are able to be the hands and feet of Jesus to serve all of His Children.

Toni Newell

A Message from Bishop Lohse



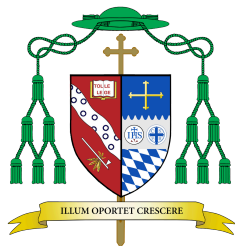
*The Most Reverend
Edward M. Lohse, JCD
Bishop of Kalamazoo*

Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo brings the compassionate mercy of Christ to those who are most in need of it here in southwest Michigan. Across numerous agencies, committed employees and resources provide critical assistance to others. Through the Caring Network they help mothers to be. Teenagers in crisis find assistance through the Ark Services for Youth. Those experiencing food insecurity can put food on the table through Bread of Life, and Baraga Manor provides a safe haven for our elderly. These and other services of Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo make concrete the love of Jesus for those in need throughout the nine counties of our Diocese. Sharing in the work of Catholic Charities affirms the dignity of our brothers and sisters. In serving them, we are serving Christ, as He Himself told us: “Whatsoever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me” (cf. Mt. 25:40). When you support Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo with your prayer and financial gifts, you are sharing in Jesus’ work of transforming lives.

Be assured of my prayers. Thank you, and God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse, JCD
Bishop of Kalamazoo

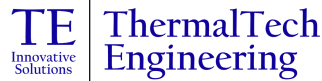
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Our Community Support - Your Compassion in Action



Mission Possible Event - May 22, 2024 brought together the community's most dedicated supporters to learn about the future vision of Catholic Charities. We were honored to hear one of our clients, Mia, share about the positive impact that Catholic Charities programs and services have had on her life. **ThermalTech Engineering** was presented with a special recognition as our top corporate sponsor. The event raised over \$50,000 for our programs and services.



Golf Outing - D.L. Gallivan planned and hosted "United for a Cause" golf outing and generously donated proceeds in support of Catholic Charities.



Thank you to 107.7 WRKR for sponsoring and hosting our first **Rocker 2 the Rescue Radiothon** on November 22, 2024. A great time was had by all and raised over \$5,000.



Our **3rd Annual St. Nicholas Fundraiser** event raised over \$70,000 to benefit the thousands of clients served by Catholic Charities.



The Bread of Life Food Program served a record number of families in 2024 thanks to the generous sponsorship of **Plazacorp**, and the commitment of **Zhang Financial** to donate \$30,000 annually to fight food insecurity.



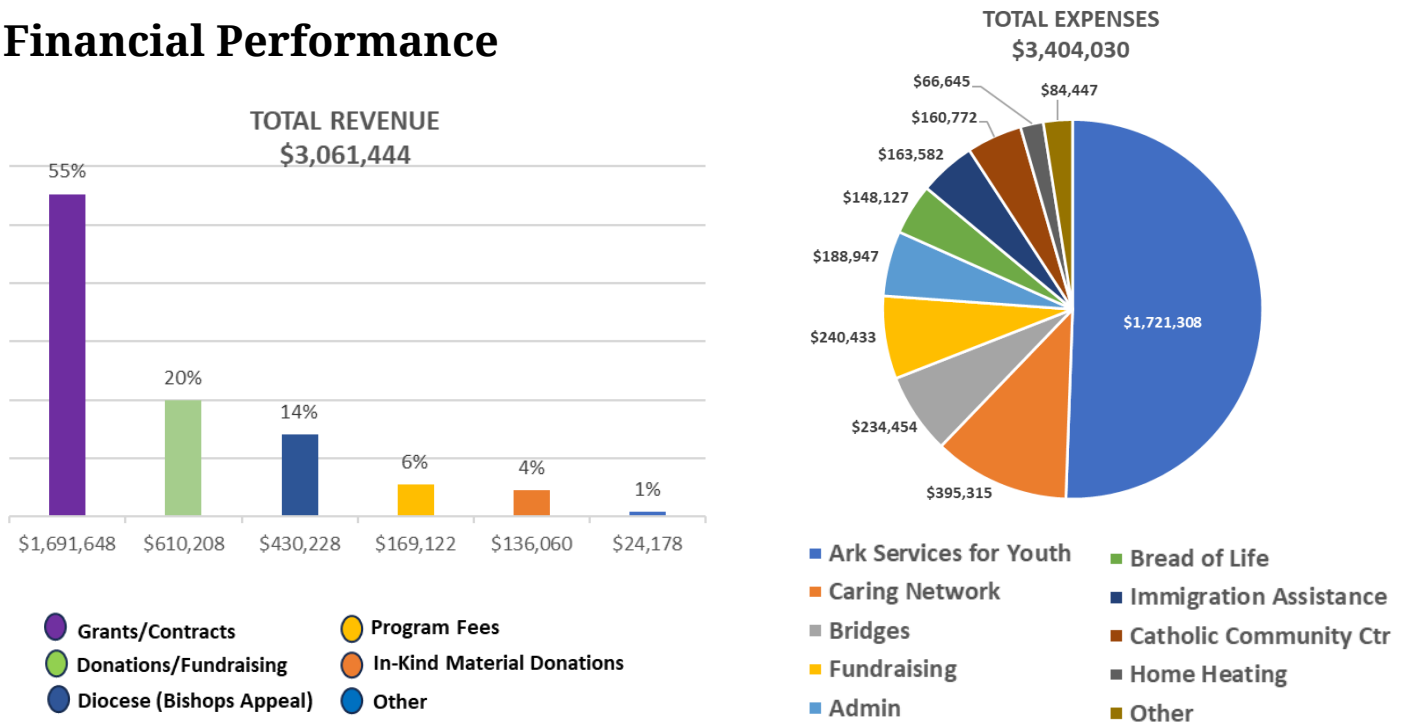
For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope."

~Jeremiah 29:11

Our Impact 2024

- **LEGAL IMMIGRATION** - 430 consultations, 287 cases closed, representing 44 countries.
- **PREGNANCY/PARENTING SUPPORT** - 1,216 individuals served.
- **FOOD** - 32,544 people served; 10,440 households.
- **COUNSELING** - 1,573 sessions, 60 new clients.
- **SHELTER AND OUTREACH** - 1,330 days of care, 7,588 youth reached.
- **UTILITIES** - 408 households received heating and utility assistance.
- **VOLUNTEERS** - 150 volunteers provided over 6,500 hours of service.

Financial Performance



We are grateful to ALL our donors and sponsors!

Because of you we are able to:

- Provide a family with food or funds towards a utility bill to help make ends meet;
- Provide support and hope when all feels lost;
- Help individuals feel comfortable, safe and not judged;
- Offer a safe place to stay with someone who cares to listen to you; someone on your side.

Our People - Many Hands Make Light Work



Volunteers help distribute Holiday Baskets!



Catholic School Students collect needed items for our programs and volunteer to keep our facilities neat!



Volunteers make needed repairs to the Ark shelter and its surroundings – making it a pleasant environment for our youth!



Catholic Churches host Parish Playpens throughout the year to collect donations for the Caring Closet!



The Knights of Columbus hold donation and food drives as well as pancake breakfasts to support our clients!



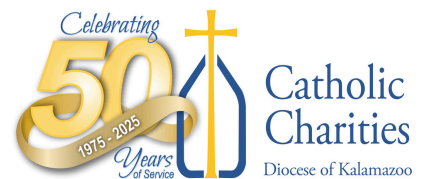
Volunteers breathe life into our Mission!

Celebrating 50 Years in 2025!

Catholic Family Services was established on June 11, 1975, later becoming Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo in 2012. We are thrilled and humbled to celebrate 50 years of service to the nine counties of Southwest Michigan.

We have a collection of programs serving the very young to the elderly with a dedicated mission that has provided HOPE and advocated for millions of individuals, children and families in need through the years.

With your continued support, we can continue to be a beacon of HOPE for the next 50 years.



Save the Dates!

September 26, 2025 - 50th Anniversary Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral

December 6, 2025 - 4th Annual St. Nicholas Fundraiser Event



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