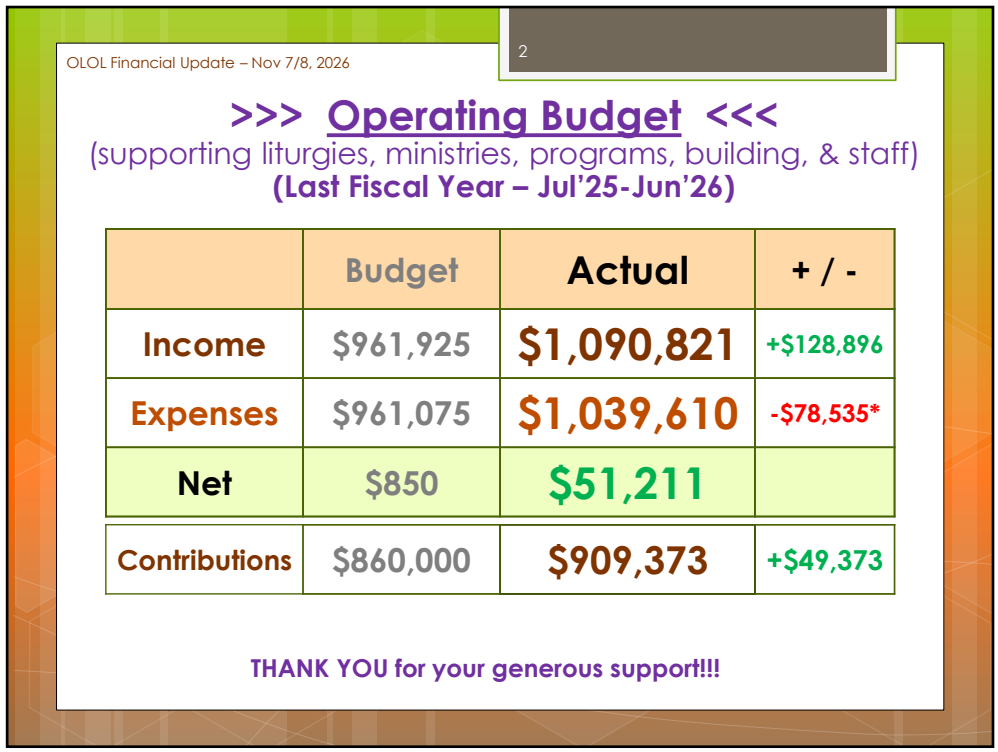


Message:

Hello. My name is _____ and I am a member of the parish Finance Council.

It is again time for our periodic update, to keep you informed of the parish's financial situation.



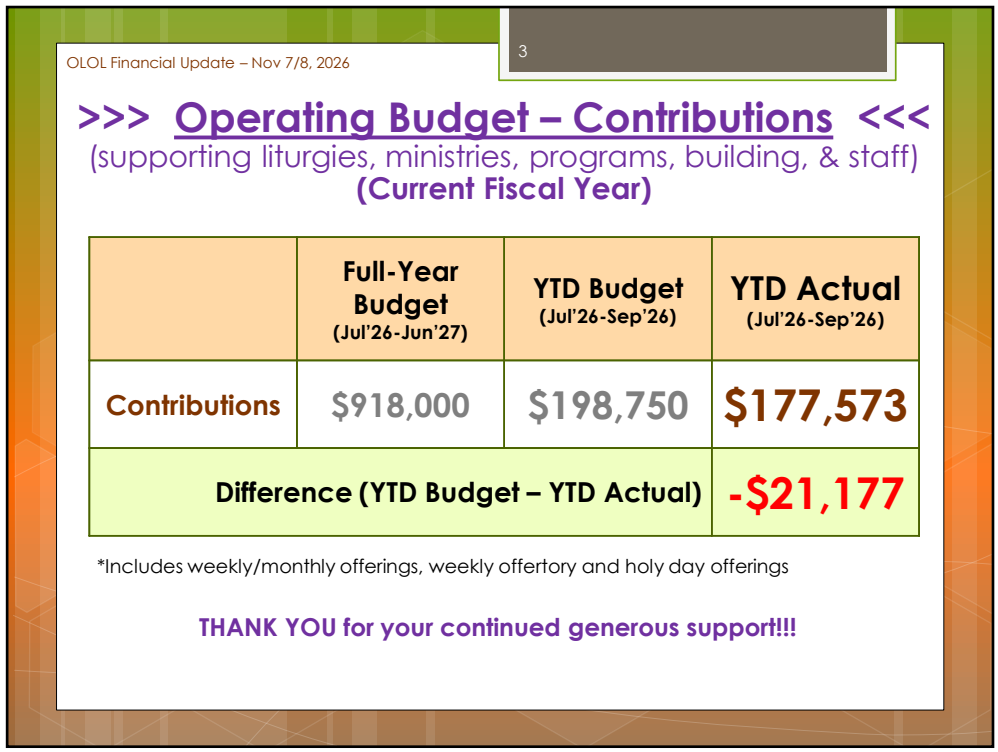
Message:
Since this is our first presentation of the new fiscal year, we'll first look back at the final Operating Budget figures for the previous fiscal year that ended June 30th. You should have seen these in the published Annual Summary, but today you get our commentary.

Through the Operating Budget, OLOL provides vital liturgies, pastoral care, innovative education programs, caring outreach ministries, the up-keep of our buildings, and a livelihood for our staff.

For the 2025-26 fiscal year, you gave ~$909,000 in contributions. This was ~$49,000 ahead of budget. Your contributions plus other sources of income, including ~$72,000 in Bequests from deceased parishioners, led to a Total Income of ~$1,090,000. This was ~$128,000 ahead of budget.

Total Expenses for the year were $1,039,000. *This total exceeded budget but was largely due to us recognizing the surplus as the year was ending and deciding to fund some worthwhile unbudgeted items. These included: a) staff bonuses to compensate for lower-than-target salary increases, b) music & sound system upgrades, c) a set of new round tables for the hall, and d) various office & technology upgrades.

2025-26 ended with a ~$51,211 surplus. This gives cushion for future unexpected expenses. Thank you to all who provided your generous support!

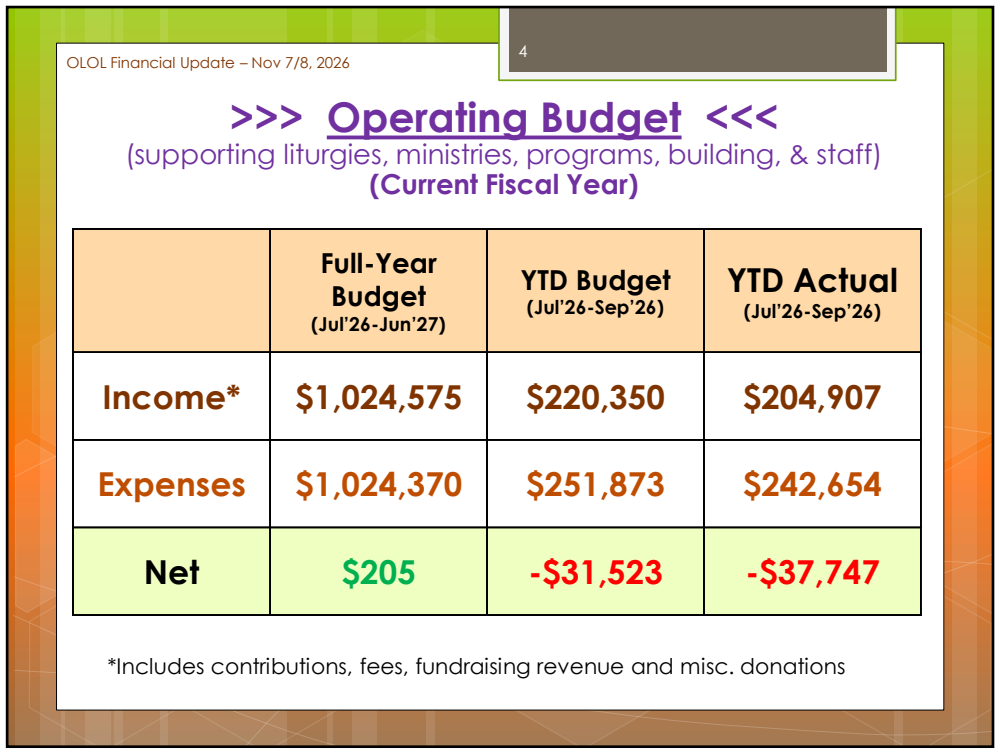


Message:
We'll now shift our view to the Operating Fund for the current fiscal year.

For July through September, you've given ~$177,000 in Regular Envelope & Offertory contributions.

This is ~$21,000 below the YTD budget. It's early, and our 1st quarter contributions have traditionally been harder to predict. So, we won't fret too much yet and will let you know if this trend doesn't correct itself after the next quarter.

Thanks to all who are providing your generous financial support!

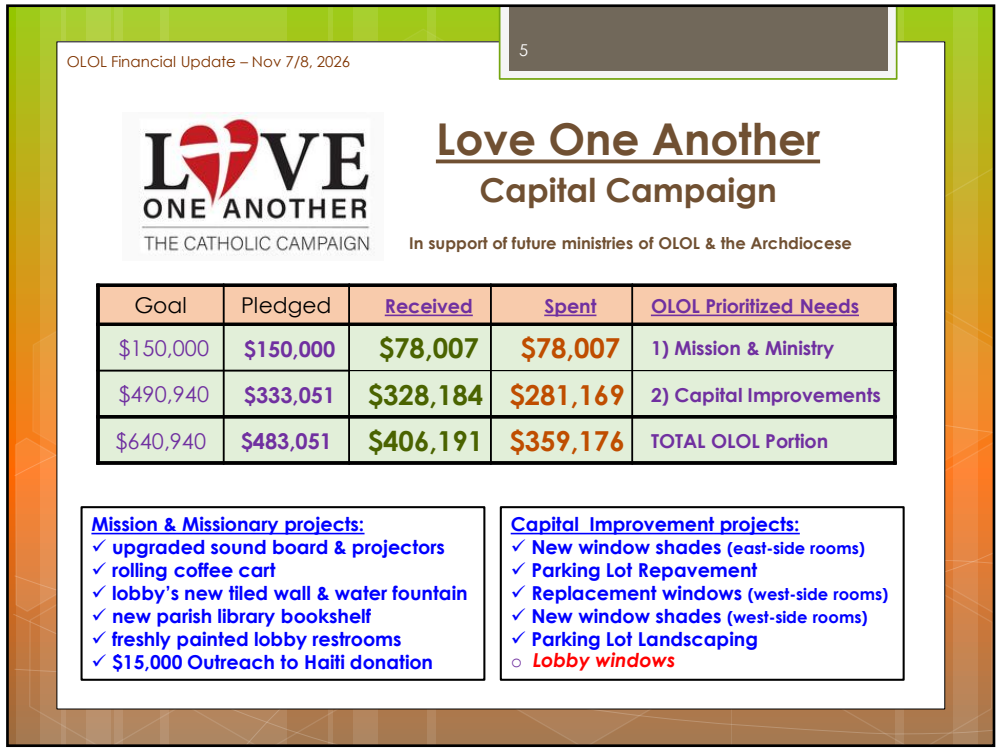


Message:
For this current fiscal year, the overall Operating Fund budget for the full year was planned to be a balanced budget, with a forecasted deficit of about $31,000 after this 3rd month.

Our actual income-minus-expenses is a deficit of $37,000.

On the expense side, YTD actuals are lower than YTD budget, so we're good there. Our staff & committees can again be commended for good general expense control.

It's our under-budget contributions that have caused this larger current net deficit. As we said with the last screen, we won't fret too much yet, but we will let you know if this trend doesn't correct itself after the next quarter.



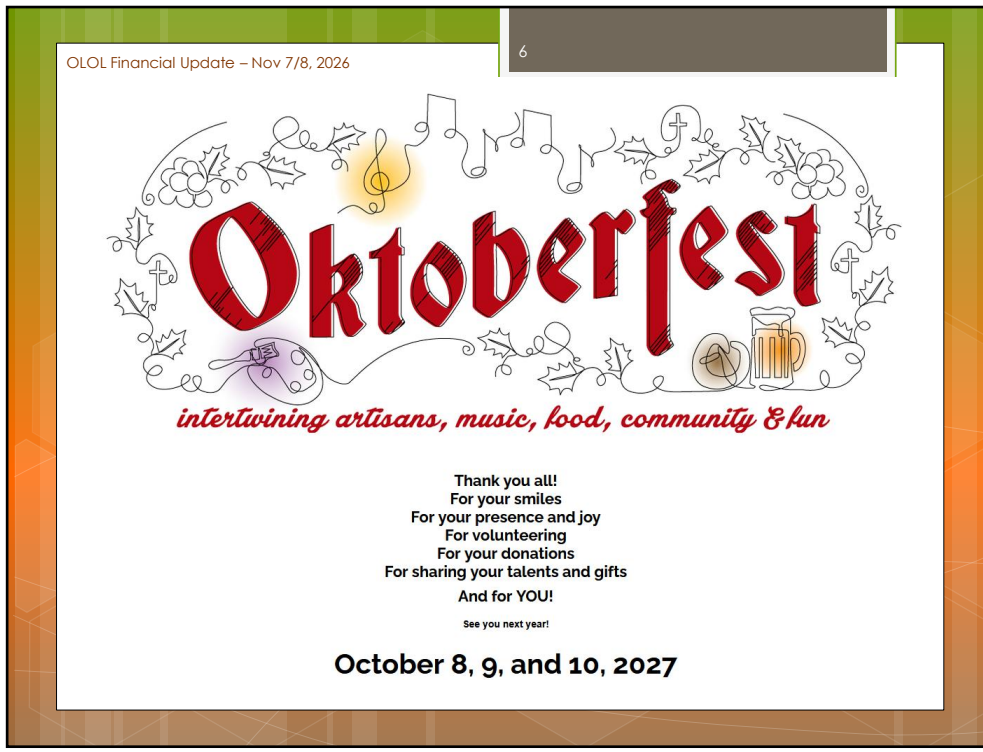
Message:
Next, our Love One Another Capital Campaign update… Not much change here since our last presentation. … Figures shown pertain to the 60% share of your contributions that the Archdiocese directs back to our parish.

The upper chart shows that to-date, after the 4th year of the 5-year campaign, we've received ~$406,000, and we've spent ~$359,000.

The lower-left box repeats the Mission & Missionary projects, all completed previously.

The lower-right box repeats the Capital Improvement projects, all completed previously, other than the one remaining project, to replace & improve the energy-efficiency of the front Lobby windows. We're still in-progress evaluating architectural guidance & various scope options & various estimates. If doing this right exceeds LOA funds, we'll use available Improvement Fund funds as necessary.

Thanks again to all participating in this Campaign.



Message:

Next, let's recognize the successful Oktoberfest parish & community event held October 9th thru 11th. It was a great time and a great display of OLOL hospitality.

Big thanks to all who led & organized & worked & attended!!! Leaders led amazingly as always. Volunteers essential to the event rose to the occasion. Attendance was strong, and included more younger families, which brings great joy to all.

Fundraising is only a secondary goal of this event. It's too early to know the final tallies, but based on the great attendance, record sales for the 50/50 raffle, the basket raffles, the famous Osep apple strudels, and more, this secondary goal was certainly met.



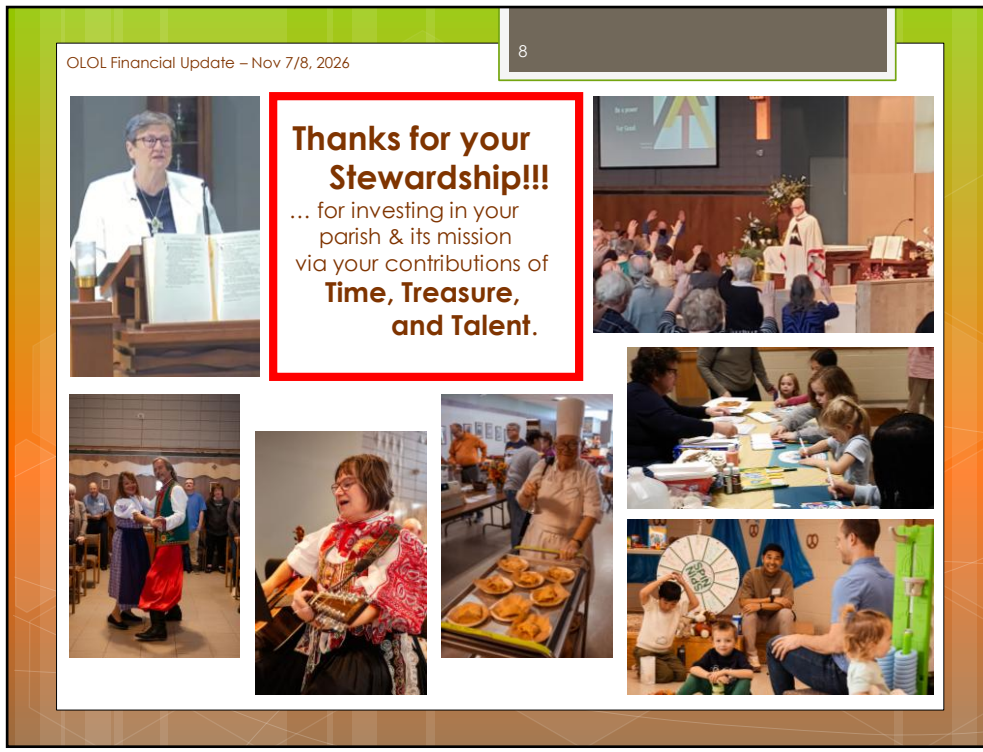
Message:

Lastly for today … It's time again for our annual Stewardship Pledge campaign.

We ask you to prayerfully begin to consider your planned Operating Fund contributions for 2027. It is these contributions that empower carrying out our daily mission as a parish of disciples.
Mailings will go out Nov 12th and Pledge Commitment weekend will be November 21st & 22nd.

We always say that everyone's giving is between only them & God. Whether your circumstances lead you to giving more, the same, or less, please return your pledge to let us know.

Your returned pledges, via returned mail or online response, are incredibly important to our Finance Council's ability to accurately budget for the parish's income and expenses. Creating a balanced budget is a challenge every year. We've been blessed to receive extremely helpful bequests these past few years, but we can't predict or plan for these in the future. Your contributions are critical. Your pledges tell us if the parish can sustain our current staffing & programs, can empower growth, or would unfortunately require cutbacks.



Message:

That's our update for now.

We will post this presentation on the Finance Council page on the OLOL website where you can access it if you'd like.

Thank you again for investing in your parish & its mission via your contributions of Time, Treasure, and Talent.

OLOL is blessed by the commitment & generosity of our parishioners, living & giving as Christ's disciples.

I'll be available after Mass, in the lobby, to answer any questions, or to take comments that you'd like relayed back to the Finance Council.

Thank you. And God bless you all.