

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish
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Dear Members of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish Family,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled *thanks*GIVING for Our Blessings. I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our Cathedral Faith Community.

Among our many blessings, let me begin with the youth of our parish, who are the next generation of Christ's disciples, the future of our Church. Recently we have had many baptisms, and I am encouraged by the youth and vitality this adds to our future. We are always working on new and innovative curriculum concepts for faith formation, to transmit the faith through unforgettable experiences that move our children toward the Holy Spirit.

Our blessings include numerous impactful ministries in our parish that engage many volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor and the elderly. Please read through our ministry listing and consider becoming part of this transformative work. We can always use more help!

Let me especially mention our Oktoberfest, which serves to foster a sense of joyous community spirit while supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

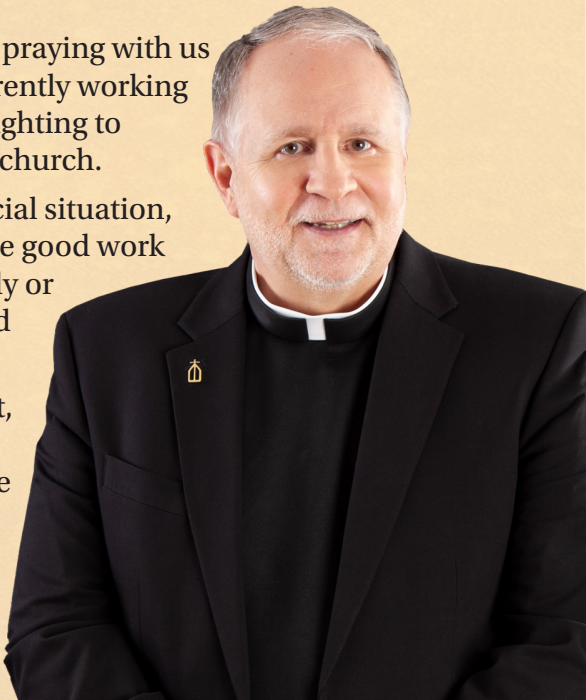
You, yourself, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish through your generous donations. We are currently working on replacing our lighting control panel and changing the inside church lighting to LEDs. Additionally, we are replacing the two flat roofs on the back of the church.

Now I am asking you, with prayerful consideration to your current financial situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude to God for the good work being done here. Or, if you are able, perhaps you will increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

For your convenience, we've included a GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Of course, traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well.

Blessings,

Msgr. Riffle, Fr. Pujol, Deacon Bill and the Parish Staff

A graphic with a warm, autumnal background. It features a large orange pumpkin, a green pumpkin, two pears, and ears of corn. The text "thanks GIVING for Our Blessings" is prominently displayed in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

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Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with your fellow parishioners by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **October 17** – Confirmation prep with parents, 7 PM
- **October 20** – Donut Sunday
- **October 22** – Liturgical Minister Training (Lector, EM and Usher), 7 PM
- **October 24** – Prayer and Perfect Pairings, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. A five-course meal and wine pairings with recipes from Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Father Christopher J. Pujol, Father Andrew J. Hamilton, Father John Torres and Father Daniel E. Carr; proceeds benefit Catholic Charities (tickets: DioceseofGreensburg.org/perfectpairings).
- **October 27** – Confirmation Retreat, after 11 AM Mass
- **October 31** – All Saints Vigil (no 11:45 AM Mass), 5:30 PM, and November 1, 11:45 AM and 5:30 PM
- **November 4** – All Souls Remembrance Mass, 11:45 AM, plus 6 PM with Bishop Larry J. Kulick (light reception to follow)
- **November 9** – Sacramental Prep Retreat, 11:30 AM
- **November 11** – Veterans Day Mass & Social, 11:45 AM
- **November 12** – OCIA Retreat Night
- **November 17** – Rite of Welcome, 11 AM Mass
- **November 18** – Annulment Evening, 6:30 PM
- **November 24** – Parish Service Event, 2 PM
- **November 28** – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10 AM
- **December 2** – Holiday Bereavement Workshop, 2 PM
- **December 2** – First Penance, 6 PM
- **December 2** – Green Health and Rehab Mass, 1:30 PM
- **December 3** – New Haven Mass, 1:30 PM
- **December 5** – Advent Twilight Retreat, 7 PM
- **December 6** – Aquinas Advent Confessions, 1 PM
- **December 6** – Lessons and Carols, 7 PM, with Bishop Larry J. Kulick
- **December 7** – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, 9:30 AM, Saint Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon. Free event with brunch, photos with Saint Nicholas, an art project and a show about cultural versions of Saint Nicholas (details available in November: DioceseofGreensburg.org).
- **December 8** – Bethlehem Project Basket Raffle
- **December 9** – Immaculate Conception, 11:45 AM with Bishop Larry J. Kulick (not a day of obligation)
- **December 10** – Redstone Mass, 1:30 PM
- **December 14** – Christmas Night Market, 2-9 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Food and craft vendors, cards, gift and décor booths, 4 PM Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Diocesan Youth Choir, artist Pipka Ulvilden with her Blessed Mother and Nativity creations, Christmas cookies, and wine tastings (details: ChristmasNightMarket.org).
- **December 15** – Advent Holy Hour, 6 PM
- **December 15-19** – Advent Regional Penance Services: December 15, 2 PM, Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood; December 16, 5:30 PM, Saint Bruno Parish, South Greensburg; December 17, 5:30 PM, Saint Paul Parish, Greensburg; December 18, 5:30 PM, Saint Benedict Parish, Marguerite; December 19, 5:30 PM, Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg
- **December 18** – Staff Dinner, 5 PM
- **December 21** – Advent Regional Penance Service, 11 AM
- **December 23** – Church Christmas Decorating, after 11:45 AM Mass
- **December 24-25** – Christmas Eve/Christmas Masses: December 24, 4 and 10:30 PM; December 25, 8:30 and 11 AM
- **December 31-January 1** – New Year’s Eve/Day Masses: December 31, 4 PM; January 1, 11 AM

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 1,455
2023: 1,457
2022: 1,477

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households

427



Baptisms
2024: 22
2023: 28
2022: 28

Weddings

2024: 16
2023: 22
2022: 22



Funerals
2024: 43
2023: 49
2022: 44

Households that Give

743

Households that Don’t Give

712

New to Our Parish

Family, Faith and Fellowship

We recently formed a new ministry called Family, Faith and Fellowship, whose aim is to better serve the families in our parish. This ministry is headed by a group of parents and school administrators who plan events for our families. Some of the events are social and are aimed at building community; others are spiritual and are aimed at encouraging spiritual growth as a family.



Giving With Gratitude



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appreciated as well. You can visit our website, stop by in person, or mail your gift.



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IN PERSON:
Monday – Friday – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



ONLINE:
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Our Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Homebound Ministry
- Greeters
- Lectors
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Ushers
- Prayer Chain
- Bethlehem Project
- Ministry of Care
- Money Counters
- Bereavement Support
- Walking with Moms in Need
- Faith, Family and Fellowship

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters and catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-834-3710 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 784,972	\$ 774,742	\$ 788,506
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	7,998	7,302	6,668
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	177,831	573,028	173,374
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	119,059	133,350	128,623
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	239,519	60,552	120,104
Special Collections	31,424	22,767	88,040
Total Income	\$ 1,360,803	\$ 1,571,741	\$ 1,305,315
Expenses			
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 303,084	\$ 283,485	\$ 255,323
<i>Church</i>	256,152	163,724	198,590
<i>Rectory</i>	103,204	72,748	51,035
<i>Education and Ministry</i>	179,956	187,210	176,459
<i>General Expenses</i>	222,525	501,701	353,959
<i>Special Collections</i>	425,987	22,669	89,853
<i>Extraordinary Expenses</i>	31,684	254,942	115,837
Total Expenditures	1,397,856	1,486,479	1,241,056
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (37,053)	\$ 85,262	\$ 64,259