

Saint Barbara Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanks*GIVING for God's Blessings." I am grateful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication.

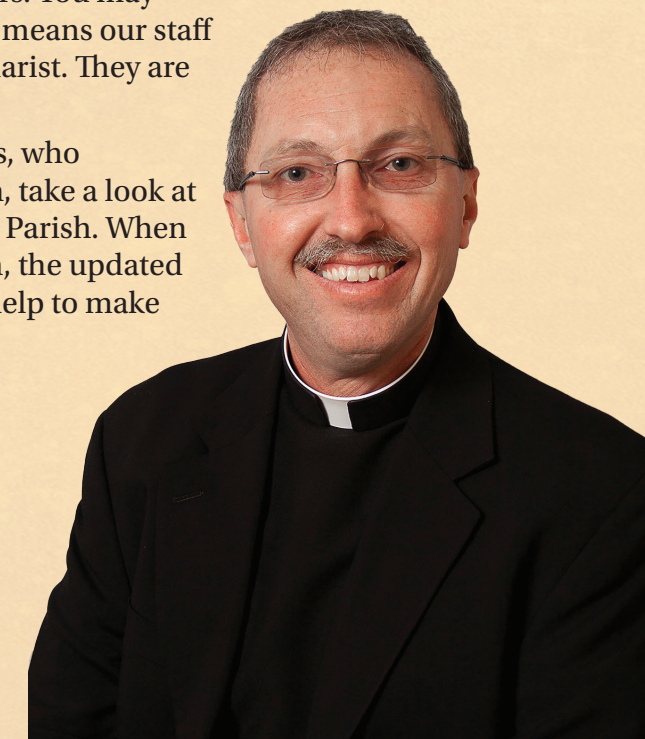
With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time and talents to strengthening our faith community. I am especially grateful for the work undertaken by our Pastoral Council, who have worked tirelessly over the past year to create a Pastoral Plan that will guide our work over the next three years. This report therefore includes a complete ministry listing that I hope will invite many people to take up a more active role in parish life.

With gratitude to our parish staff, I trust that you will see the work they have undertaken to kindle the fire for Christ that burns in the hearts and minds of our parishioners. You may have heard that a National Eucharistic Revival is underway, which means our staff members are part of a grassroots effort to share the gift of the Eucharist. They are helping to build the foundation for the future of our Church!

With gratitude to each of you who attends Mass, who offers prayers, who participates in events and activities, and who donates to the parish, take a look at the many ways you impact the culture and vitality of Saint Barbara Parish. When you next visit, I hope you'll notice the renovated social hall kitchen, the updated church lighting and the recently paved parking lot. These actions help to make our parish an even more welcoming place.

Living a life rooted in gratitude requires us to express our thanks. And so I ask you, with prayerful consideration to your current situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude 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.

Yours in Christ,
Father Michael



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Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and your brothers and sisters of the parish by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **October 28 – Trunk-R-Treat, 6:30-8 PM**
- **November 2 – Mass of Remembrance, 7 PM**
- **November 5 – Pancake Breakfast, after morning Masses**
- **November 6 – Theology on Tap, 7 PM, New Crescent Brewing, Irwin (for ages 21-45)**
- **November 8 – Bingo, 5:45 PM**
- **November 11 – Youth Ministry Rake and Run service project**
- **November 12 – Donut Sunday, after morning Masses**
- **November 12 – Sharing and Caring Christmas Stocking Event begins**
- **December 10 – Living Nativity, 4-6 PM**
- **December 10 – Christmas Donut Sunday with live music, after morning Masses**
- **December 19 – Advent Penance Service, 7 PM**



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2023: 2,382
2022: 2,401
2021: 2,417

Current Single Member Households

567



Baptisms

2023: 40
2022: 36
2021: 35

Weddings

2023: 6
2022: 12
2021: 9



Funerals

2023: 55
2022: 43
2021: 42

Our Ministries:

- **Liturgical Ministers** - Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- **Music Ministry** - Choirs, cantors, and instrumentalists provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.
- **Homebound/Nursing Home Ministry** - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion take the Eucharist to the homes of parishioners who cannot attend Mass. They also take the Eucharist to two of our area nursing homes to help keep those unable to attend united with their faith and parish.
- **Faith Formation Catechists/Youth Ministry Team/Young Adults** - These individuals assist in forming the next generation of disciples.
- **Prayer Blankets** - Hand sewn blankets are made and given to recipients in hope that they will experience God's mercy and strength during their illness. The blankets are blessed prior to distribution.
- **Bereavement Team** - Members serve as ministers at Funeral Vigil Services and the Funeral Mass.
- **St. Barbara Food Pantry** - Members of our parish join with the Westmoreland Food Bank to provide monthly assistance to those in our community who are in need.
- **Kentucky Project** - This outreach ministry is dedicated to Christ's command to feed the hungry. Their mission is to physically and spiritually nourish the poor and marginalized families with children in Southeastern Kentucky.
- **Haiti Outreach Ministry** - These volunteers are involved in a year-round variety of activities that continue to build solidarity by helping our brothers and sisters in Montrouis, Haiti.
- **Thanksgiving Outreach** - This annual event calls together members of our parish to deliver meals for members of our parish and community who are in need, elderly or recently bereaved.
- **Adoration Committee** - Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping God, as present in the consecrated Eucharist. This committee ensures that adorers are present for the entire day of adoration, which is held on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- **Knights of Columbus Council 14078** - This fraternal organization is open to gentlemen 18 years of age and up. As a Knight, individuals have the opportunity to strengthen their parish, give back to their community and grow in their faith.
- **Catholic Men's Fellowship** - Catholic Men's Fellowship is an informal network of male parishioners who, under the patronage of Saint Joseph, are dedicated to strengthening their family and their church community.
- **Ladies Guild** - This parish organization is open to Catholic women who want to serve the church and community in a variety of supportive ways. The organization is a member of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, as well as the National Council of Catholic Women. We combine our Catholic faith with the desire to assist others as Jesus instructed us to do.
- **American Heritage Girls** - The AHG program is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. AHG girls across the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. Our troop is for girls from ages 5-18.
- **Trail Life** - The Trail Life vision is to be the premier national character development organization for young men which produces Godly and responsible husbands, fathers and citizens. The central mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others and experience outdoor adventure. If growing the hearts of young boys (5-18) is your calling, this could be a great ministry for you.
- **Social Committee** - This group provides an opportunity throughout the year for the parish to come together in fellowship by hosting social activities. They regularly support the monthly Donut Sundays.

Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 1,040,467	\$ 1,047,567	\$ 994,495
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	7,662	12,644	10,647
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	150,717	129,313	120,854
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	188,732	21,694	272
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	426,839	180,956	78,532
Special Collections	147,421	221,530	120,782
Total Income	\$ 1,961,838	\$ 1,613,704	\$ 1,325,582
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 333,756	\$ 311,541	\$ 287,371
Church	341,604	67,280	56,276
Rectory	37,055	11,762	14,775
Education and Ministry	442,326	349,931	297,258
General Expenses	492,763	476,137	446,065
Special Collections	143,701	215,325	127,573
Extraordinary Expenses	254,847	205,908	102,501
Total Expenditures	<u>2,046,052</u>	<u>1,637,884</u>	<u>1,331,819</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (84,214)	\$ (24,180)	\$ (6,237)

Are you ready to make a meaningful impact in our community? We need dedicated individuals to support our parish and help us thrive. By becoming a minister/volunteer, you'll play a vital role in strengthening our community bonds. Contact us: Call the parish office today at 724-744-7474.

Giving With Gratitude

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.



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IN PERSON:
Monday - Thursday - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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