

**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish**

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Indiana, PA 15701

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**Dear Parishioners,**

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanksGIVING* for God's Blessings." I am so thankful 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, like our Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Feast Day Celebration, "Walking with a Purpose" Bible study, the Indiana Catholic Community Fall Festival, fall book study, Curve baseball game, Fourth of July celebration and Family of Faith events.

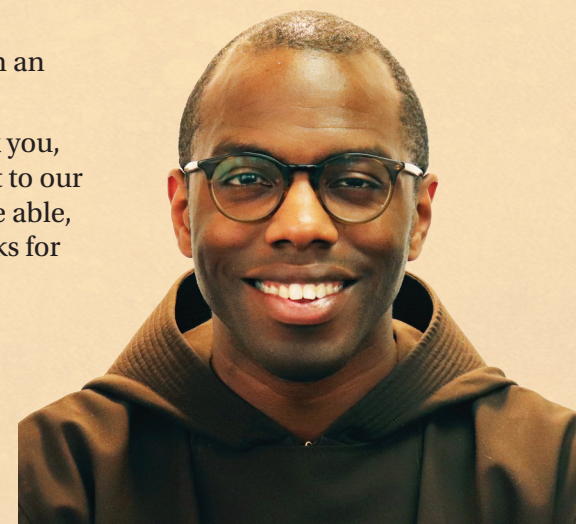
This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will prompt you to get involved in the parish community! We are in desperate need of liturgical ministers (lectors, altar servers, sacristans, greeters, ushers) for all weekend Masses.

With gratitude to our dedicated parish staff, take notice of the work they have been doing to light a fire for Christ 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, offers prayers, participates in events and donates to the parish, take a look at the many ways you impact the culture and vitality of our parish.

The next time you visit, I hope you notice the work underway to improve the landscaping around the parish property and new sidewalk to make our parish an even more welcoming church.

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.



*Peace and All Good,*  
**Father Richard Owens, OFM Cap.**

*thanks*  
**GIVING**  
For God's Blessings



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Annual Report 2023**



## 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 22 – 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Province of Saint Augustine, Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and Provincial Father Robert Marva, OFM Cap., 10:30 AM**
- **November 3 – Indiana Catholic Community Trivia Night, 6:30 PM, Levity Brewery, Indiana**
- **December 15 – “KNOW HIM: St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist,” 10 AM and 2 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **December 16 – Christmas Night Market, 3-8 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**



## Our Parish by the Numbers:



### Registered Households

2023: 938  
2022: 955  
2021: 1,024

### Current Single Member Households

370



### Baptisms

2023: 14  
2022: 9  
2021: 14

### Weddings

2023: 3  
2022: 3  
2021: 3

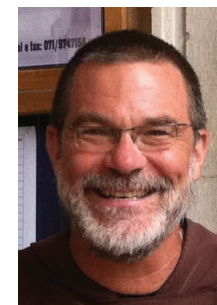


### Funerals

2023: 33  
2022: 45  
2021: 19

## New to Our Parish

Our new Parochial Vicar, **Father Paul Dressler, OFM Cap.**, converted to Catholicism at 17 after extensive involvement in Catholic youth ministry. Born and raised in the Washington, D.C., area, Father Paul graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and philosophy from Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. After graduation, he went on to teach for several years in Catholic high schools in the D.C. area before entering the Capuchin-Franciscans in 1992. Father Paul received his Master of Divinity from Washington Theological Union. He was ordained in 1999; his priestly ministries have included working in a Capuchin parish in



center-city Philadelphia, serving as a coordinator for youth adult ministry in Philadelphia; studying Franciscan formation in Rome at the Antonianum, and serving for 11 years on the formation team at Capuchin College in Washington, D.C.

**Deacon Joseph Pham, OFM Cap.**, is serving in pastoral ministry at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish. Born

and raised in Sydney, Australia, he joined the Capuchin Franciscans there and completed seminarian studies. He worked in youth ministry, campus ministry, serving the poor and homeless on the streets, and in evangelization events throughout the dioceses of Australia.

## 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.



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



**ONLINE:**  
saintbernardparish.org

## Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
<b>Offertory</b>	\$588,407	\$554,174	\$ 532,698
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	13,207	8,260	4,599
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	100,436	106,353	123,361
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	26,568	19,382	22,981
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	76,541	260,531	92,805
<b>Special Collections</b>	27,625	51,403	32,044
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$832,784</b>	<b>\$1,000,103</b>	<b>\$ 808,488</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 127,826	\$ 140,976	\$ 144,430
Church	111,468	133,736	95,695
Rectory	43,532	25,960	19,017
Education and Ministry	112,752	108,252	106,840
General Expenses	266,558	264,426	265,056
Special Collections	28,244	51,528	30,681
Extraordinary Expenses	201,973	207,518	218,324
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>892,353</b>	<b>932,396</b>	<b>880,043</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (59,569)</b>	<b>\$ 67,707</b>	<b>\$ (71,555)</b>

## Our Ministries:

- **Greeters** - Welcome people as they enter the church and assist those with baby carriers, wheelchairs and walkers.
- **Ushers** - Take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass, and assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.
- **Lectors** - Proclaim the word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.
- **Altar Servers** - Assist the priest in preparing for Mass. The servers take part in the liturgy by performing tasks to help the priest celebrate Eucharist. Children who received their first holy Communion can be altar servers.
- **Adult Choir & Cantors** - Provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** - Assist the priest by distributing the Eucharist at Mass.
- **Hospital Ministry** - Assist the priest by taking Eucharist to the sick in the hospital.
- **Homebound Ministry** - Assist the priest by taking Eucharist to the sick whether they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.
- **Pastoral Council** - Advises the pastor by assisting him in discerning, expressing and fulfilling the parish pastoral mission.
- **Finance Council** - Assists the pastor in the administration of parish material goods and resources. It ensures that all parish resources are used in support of the parish mission, pastoral plan, and within the approved operating budget.
- **Sacristan** - (Daily Mass and Weekend) Sacristans assist in the work of preparing the church for the celebration of Mass, as well as the cleaning up and securing of items that were used afterwards. In most cases, such ministry will involve ensuring that the gifts for communion are prepared, that the credence table is set with the items the priest and Altar Servers will require, and checking that other items required for Mass are in place and in working order.

*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 724-465-2210 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.*