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**Ascension Parish
Annual Report 2024**

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year’s Parish Annual Report titled *thanks*GIVING for Our Blessings. Although I am new to the parishes since June, I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

Among our many blessings, we were privileged in June to host the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, part of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival. The Eucharistic Lord was carried through the streets of our town and into our churches accompanied by pilgrims from our parish, diocese and across our country, and bringing together much more than our two parishes. No doubt the Lord is still unpacking those graces!

Other good things are going on in our parishes – for instance, we published a new pictorial directory. Our faith formation programs have also been strengthened by sharing resources and the regionalization of faith formation staff. Additional volunteers are always needed to ensure a vibrant program. Old traditions, such as the feast of Saint Anthony, continue as well. We are blessed to be home for the only Hispanic community in our diocese. It is a very young and vibrant community, and people travel here sometimes great distances for Holy Mass, catechesis and fellowship in their native tongue. From our founding, our parish has always been a community of immigrants and this tradition continues. Our neighbors at Sacred Heart Parish celebrated the 100th anniversary of their church building this year, which included many other events.

Our blessings include numerous impactful ministries in our parish that engage many volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor and the elderly. Strong parish and extra-parochial organizations such as the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies and the Knights of Columbus do much to serve our parish and community, including regular meals through Mosaic. Father Job dutifully cares for our elderly and homebound. Please read through our ministry listing and consider becoming part of this transformative work. We can always use more help!

Let me also mention the Ascension Italian Festival and our spaghetti dinners, which support the parish and foster a sense of community and service.

You are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the recent repairs to the church roof. I’m sure you’ll notice the changes in the former rectory, as the parish office has moved to Ascension.

Would you prayerfully consider 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 with your mobile device, 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.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dan



Become an Intentional Disciple

- Enter more deeply into the blessings we have here in Jeannette with your fellow parishioners, by attending one of these upcoming events:
- **Ongoing: Daily Mass, 8 AM (except Tuesdays); Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesdays and Fridays**
 - **October 19 – Anointing Mass, 11:00 AM, Ascension Church**
 - **October 22 – Fall Spaghetti Dinner at Ascension Church**
 - **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 of the Diocese of Greensburg (tickets: DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings).
 - **October 27 – Trunk Or Treat at Ascension Church**
 - **November 1 – Feast of All Saints, 8 AM, Sacred Heart; 7 PM, Ascension Church**
 - **November 2 – All Soul’s Mass, 9 AM, Sacred Heart; 4:30 PM, Ascension Church**
 - **November 2 - Fall Trivia Night, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Sacred Heart Church**
 - **November 7 – Red Cross Blood Drive, Mersinger Hall**
 - **November 9 – Super Bingo, Sacred Heart Church**
 - **December 14 – Breakfast with Santa, Sacred Heart Church**
 - **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).



Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 417
2023: 429
2022: 488

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



204



Baptisms
2024: 6
2023: 9
2022: 4

Weddings

2024: 0
2023: 1
2022: 2



Funerals
2024: 36
2023: 29
2022: 32

Households that Give

285

Households that Don't Give

132

New to Our Parish

This year has brought many new people to our parishes. After bidding farewell to Deacon Bill Newhouse and other staff, we welcomed Father Daniel Ulishney as our new Administrator, as well as Jeanne Betters as our parish secretary and Sue Scopa in the business office. They’re getting settled with our newly relocated office at Ascension, which was completed with the generous help of parishioners! Additionally, and as our diocese regionalizes faith formation, we welcomed a new Regional Director of Youth Formation and Discipleship, Katelyn Waterhouse. Already Katelyn is off to a good start with our youth. She’s initiated a friendly competition among the teens to see who can bring the most friends to youth ministry events. Be sure to send your teen or grandchild!



Giving With Gratitude



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BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Tuesday – Thursday – 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM



ONLINE:
ascensionsacredheartchurches.org

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 228,786	\$ 212,070	\$ 220,295
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	927	1,796	2,070
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	35,577	37,852	19,542
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	6,440	126	4,134
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	24,518	31,616	31,180
Special Collections	14,687	4,886	9,830
Total Income	\$ 310,935	\$ 288,346	\$ 287,051
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 65,004	\$ 58,677	\$ 59,010
Church	37,118	35,319	32,096
Rectory	3,483	4,597	4,114
Education and Ministry	36,150	56,593	59,150
General Expenses	126,179	115,553	115,834
Special Collections	14,848	4,720	9,830
Extraordinary Expenses	29,441	56,596	11,840
Total Expenditures	312,223	332,055	291,874
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,288)	\$ (43,709)	\$ (4,823)

Our Ministries:

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Catechists and Faith Formation Volunteers
- Jeannette Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Rosary Altar Society
- Prayer Chain
- Fundraising Volunteers (Festival, Fish Fry)

• Knights of Columbus Bingo

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Cantors
- Combined Ascension and Sacred Heart Choir

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 724-523-2560 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

