

Sacred Heart Parish
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Jeannette, PA 15644

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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!

This past year was blessed as we celebrated 100 years in our beautiful church building. Many parishioners worked hard to prepare for the celebration and to beautify our campus for the anniversary. Other good things are going on in our parishes! We published a new pictorial directory, and last year, the number of weddings increased. Our wider Jeannette Catholic Community is 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 by the Benedictine monks, we have always been a community of immigrants, and this tradition continues. 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.

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 fish fry and the many other activities held this year to celebrate Sacred Heart's centennial, such as the Valentine's Dance.

You are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish. I hope you notice the many improvements made to the campus this year by parishioners and our *Dollar-a-day Fund*: improvements to the restrooms, painted exterior windows and railings, new signage, repairs to the steps and pressure-washing, as well as some repairs to the church roof, and a new roof on the former Sacred Heart School.

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 God's blessings.

Our new GIVING QR Code will help you to easily enroll in our new online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Simply scan the code with your smartphone to get started. Of course, traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dan



GIVING QR Code

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Annual Report 2024**



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).



Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 275,730	\$ 276,613	\$ 265,737
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,514	3,466	1,923
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	189,224	168,676	221,263
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	16,767	16,306	36,432
Other Non-Assessable Income* <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	315,369	60,661	90,020
Special Collections	19,064	16,756	42,685
Total Income	\$ 817,668	\$ 542,478	\$ 658,060
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 82,089	\$ 76,826	\$ 81,946
Church	38,419	49,905	51,159
Rectory	9,791	11,216	13,699
Education and Ministry	72,145	80,319	74,883
General Expenses	271,942	266,939	264,722
Special Collections	19,064	16,756	42,685
Extraordinary Expenses**	323,452	32,036	137,552
Total Expenditures	816,902	533,997	666,646
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 766	\$ 8,481	\$ (8,586)

*Includes \$200,222 Insurance Refund and \$111,139 withdrawn from CI Reserve for FY24
**Includes \$248,228 added to the CI Reserve for FY24

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 412
2023: 433
2022: 510

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



182



Baptisms
2024: 2
2023: 3
2022: 1

Weddings

2024: 9
2023: 2
2022: 1



Funerals
2024: 38
2023: 35
2022: 27

Households that Give

304

Households that Don't Give

108

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 the 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



We are excited to showcase our GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well. You can visit our website, stop by in person, or mail your gift.



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



ONLINE:
ascensionsacredheartchurches.org



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.