#### **Church of the Good Shepherd**

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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. I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

Among our many blessings, let me begin with the youth of our parish, the next generation of Christ's Disciples, the future of our Church. Currently, we are working on a new and innovative curriculum 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 also mention our parish picnic followed by Mass on the Grass, which serves to support the parish and to foster a sense of joyous community spirit while always 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.

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 have 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.





Church of the Good Shepherd Annual Report 2024 Yours in Christ, Father Dino



# **Become an Intentional Disciple**

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

- 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).
- November Turkey Dinner
- December Live Nativity
- 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 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).
- Pierogi Making/Sales
- Christmas and Easter Sarris candy sales
- Lenten Dinners every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday)
- Intergenerational events



Parish Financials	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 151,650	\$ 158,274	\$ 159,119
Other Ordinary Income (monthly collections, votive candles)	(396)	2,074	1,502
Extraordinary Income* (bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)	60,341	64,631	83,198
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	24,086	22,618	25,624
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> (The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)	79,703	6,653	96,998
Special Collections	16,762	17,987	32,803
Total Income	\$ 332,147	\$ 272,237	\$ 399,244
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 80,960	\$ 93,622	\$ 77,318
Church	71,613	20,583	47,761
Rectory	2,837	2,411	4,256
Education and Ministry	25,902	22,772	27,134
General Expenses	100,612	117,745	118,161
Special Collections	16,078	20,396	30,236
Extraordinary Expenses	7,456	9,362	137,106
Total Expenditures	305,458	286,891	441,972
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 26,689	\$ (14,654)	\$ (42,728)

# Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 326 2023: 323 2022: 317

**Registered Households** 

Current Single Member Households 130







Households that Give

133

Households that Don't Give **193** 



### **Giving With Gratitude**



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IN PERSON: Monday - Thursday - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friday - Closed

**ONLINE:** GoodShepherdKent.org (click on online giving)

## **Our Ministries:**

- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Greeters
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Money Counters
- **Religious Formation Leaders/Youth Ministry Leaders**
- Ministry of Care
- Knights of Columbus
- Pierogi-Making and Dinner Volunteers

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 724-479-3881 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.