

**Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish**  
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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 have been privileged to be your Pastor for a little over a year now, and I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

Among our many blessings, let me begin by drawing your attention to the youth of our parish, who are the next generation of Christ's disciples and the future of our Church. Currently, we are in the process of adapting a regional faith formation model in order to provide the most effective and impactful experiences possible in transmitting the faith to our children and young people.

Some of the highlights from this past summer include our annual fish fry on the Fridays of Lent, which serves to support the parish and to foster a sense of joyful spirit for the wider community while always supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

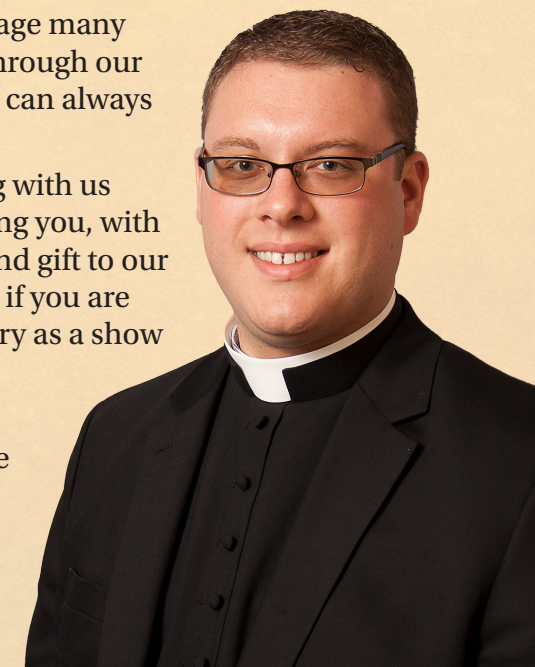
I hope that you have had the chance to notice the work that has been completed to provide new and improved landscaping around our parish hall building, which was one of our major Diocesan Lenten Appeal projects for this year. In addition, Bishop Larry J. Kulick recently dedicated a new chapel of prayer for vocations at our partner parish, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, during a Mass for the Assumption with a reception afterward in thanksgiving for the many priestly vocations that have come from our region in past years.

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!

All of you 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 may be willing to increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has given you.

For your convenience, we've 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.

*Gratefully in Christ,*  
**Father Dinga**



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Annual Report 2024**

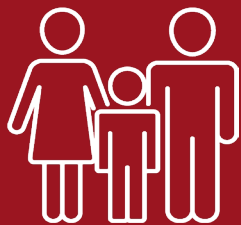


# Become an Intentional Disciple

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/perfectpairings](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/perfectpairings)).
- **November** - Angel Giving Tree in cooperation with Armstrong County Children and Youth
- **December** - Angel Memorial Tree, with ornaments for purchase in memory/honor of loved ones (proceeds benefit the needy through Good Samaritan Ministry)
- **December 6** - Regional Opportunity, 4th Annual "Rorate" (candlelight) Mass for Advent at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City on December 6 at 7 PM.
- **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](https://ChristmasNightMarket.org)).

## Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 304  
2023: 308  
2022: 312

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



81



Baptisms  
2024: 4  
2023: 6  
2022: 5

Weddings

2024: 0  
2023: 0  
2022: 2



Funerals  
2024: 7  
2023: 14  
2022: 16

Households that Give

203

Households that Don't Give

101

## New to Our Parish



We were pleased to welcome, as of July 1 this year, Ms. Katie Tylinski as our newly appointed Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship, which encompasses the five parishes in our Deanery: St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Kittanning; St. Mary, Mother of God, Yatesboro; Christ Prince of Peace, Ford City; St. Lawrence, Cadogan; St. Patrick, Brady's Bend.



## Giving With Gratitude



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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday - Thursday - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[saintmaryyatesboro.org](https://saintmaryyatesboro.org)

## Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 194,191	\$ 195,413	\$ 195,378
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,035	3,741	4,623
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	45,679	49,868	29,302
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	22,698	13,149	37,031
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	5,012	6,017	9,355
<b>Special Collections</b>	17,514	22,700	35,985
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 289,129	\$ 290,888	\$ 311,674
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 73,214	\$ 61,393	\$ 60,949
Church	38,577	34,903	36,891
Rectory	5,124	2,936	2,490
Education and Ministry	15,167	14,888	13,718
General Expenses	87,895	84,120	77,005
Special Collections	16,971	22,363	35,950
Extraordinary Expenses	34,371	57,202	62,801
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	271,320	277,805	289,804
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 17,809	\$ 13,083	\$ 21,870

## Our Ministries:

- Catechists
- Altar Servers
- Adult Altar Servers
- Cantors
- Greeters
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers to Sick and Homebound
- Lectors
- Children and Youth Lectors
- Adult Choir
- Ushers
- Ministers of Hospitality
- Prayer Chain
- Bereavement Ministry
- Altar Rosary Society
- Associates of Mary
- Art and Environment Ministry
- Outdoor Garden Ministry
- Parish Hall Events Ministry
- Good Samaritan Ministry

*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 724-783-7191 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.*

