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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

Peace and blessings to you all!

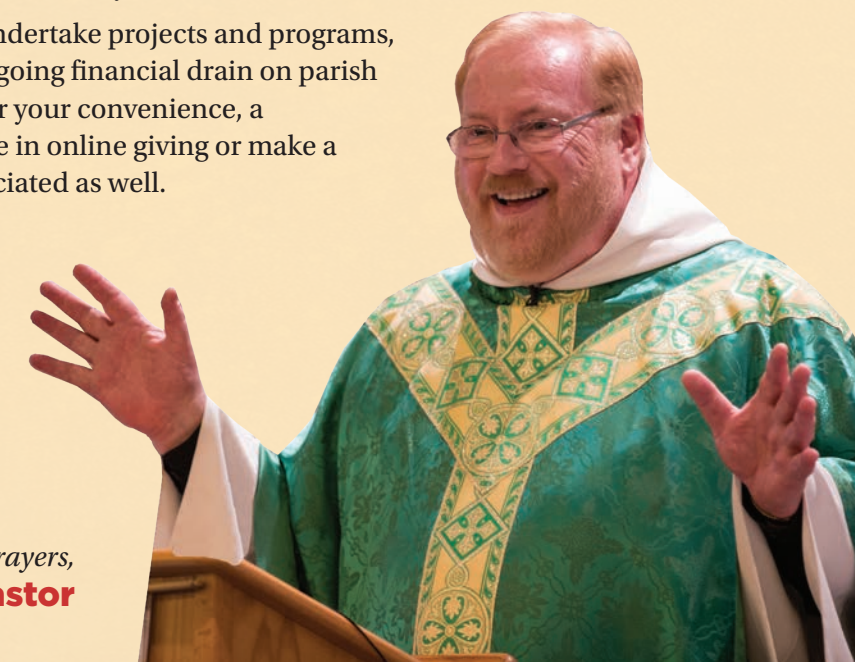
It is with a grateful heart that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the universal Church. Our parish is not simply a local gathering spot; it is a living part of the Body of Christ, united with the Holy Father and Catholics worldwide in mission, prayer, and service.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick has challenged us to build a strong and vibrant parish community that will flourish well into the future — rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Our parish has responded generously to this call by nurturing discipleship, deepening faith formation, and reaching out with Christ's love to those in need.

Through your prayers, time, and generosity, we continue to grow as a parish family united in Christ's mission. Our educational programs inspire the young, our sacramental preparation strengthens hearts, and our outreach ministers to the sick, the poor, and the elderly. We encourage you to explore the many ministries our parish has to offer and consider joining us in this joyful work. Your gifts are truly needed and welcomed!

Looking ahead, we are grateful for your support as we undertake projects and programs, especially as we address the old school's liability and ongoing financial drain on parish savings, in order to build up our parish for the future. For your convenience, a Giving QR Code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings remain deeply appreciated as well.

Our parish is a blessing, not only to each other but also to the wider community and Church. Let us move forward together with thanksgiving in our hearts, confident that by strengthening our parish, we are answering the universal call to be a living witness of Christ's love in the world.



With gratitude and prayers,
Father James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., Pastor

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**Sacred Heart Parish
Annual Report 2025**



Our Shepherds

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church

Pope Leo XIV, elected in 2025 as the first American Pope, hails from Chicago. Before his election, he was Cardinal Robert Prevost. Known for his pastoral heart, theological clarity, and commitment to evangelization, Pope Leo brings a renewed focus to the vital role of the parish in the life of the universal Church. Pope Leo spent more than two decades in Peru, where he became a naturalized citizen and served as a missionary and Bishop. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, and also reads Latin and German.



The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., is the sixth Bishop of Greensburg, having been appointed by Pope Francis on December 18, 2020, and consecrated on February 11, 2021. He is the first native Bishop of the Diocese, hailing from Leechburg. His episcopal motto is *Christus est veritas* ("Christ is the truth"), reflecting his deep devotion to truth rooted in the Gospel. He is steadfastly committed to strengthening and nurturing our parishes, ensuring they remain vibrant centers of faith and service for generations to come.

Father James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., Pastor

A native of Bethlehem in Lehigh County, Father James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., was ordained by Bishop William G. Connare in 1980. Formerly an Associate Professor of Moral Theology at Saint Vincent Seminary and of Religious Studies at Saint Vincent College, he served for 18 years as pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra, where he led his parishioners in building a new, larger church to accommodate a growing parish community. He now serves as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Cecilia Parish in Whitney, as Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese, on the Priests' Council, and in the College of Consultors of the Diocese.



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2025: 419
2024: 411
2023: 414



Baptisms

2025: 1
2024: 2
2023: 2

First Holy Communions

1



Confirmations

1

Weddings

2025: 1
2024: 3
2023: 1



Funerals

2025: 17
2024: 13
2023: 13

Households that Give

195

Households that Don't Give

224

A Call to Serve

We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Whether as servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, collection counters, or catechists, your ministry brings Christ's light to our community. Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office — we're here to guide you through every step, including the clearance process, so you can share your gifts confidently and joyfully.



Ministries in Action

200 Club: The 200 Club plans and executes Sacred Heart Parish's major annual social event and fundraiser with dinner, raffles and basket raffles.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: This ecumenical social outreach ministry that meets monthly supports, informs, and equips grandparents or extended family members who serve as primary caregivers of minor children whose parents are lost to substance addiction.

Altar Servers: Altar servers ensure the smooth running of the of Sunday Mass by assisting the priest in leading the community in prayer and worship.



Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 199,774	\$ 187,633	\$ 178,050
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,761	1,889	1,511
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	20,853	14,154	63,106
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	32,874	44,040	40,607
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	144,543	41,480	2,758
Special Collections	17,773	19,547	20,081
Total Income	\$ 417,578	\$ 308,744	\$ 306,113
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 75,577	\$ 73,396	\$ 67,312
Church	21,957	21,456	19,724
Rectory	7,321	8,173	7,790
Education and Ministry	42,469	45,874	37,165
General Expenses	123,813	113,135	103,325
Special Collections	17,733	19,522	20,081
Extraordinary Expenses	129,127	17,152	53,507
Total Expenditures	417,997	298,709	308,904
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (419)	\$ 10,035	\$ (2,791)

Giving With Gratitude

This is our Giving QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, make your first gift, increase your weekly offertory, make a year-end gift, or donate in honor of or in memory of someone you love.



Or, visit our website to make a donation: SaintCecilia.net and click on Donate to Sacred Heart at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Center, c/o 220 Saint Cecilia Road, Latrobe, PA 15650.