

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

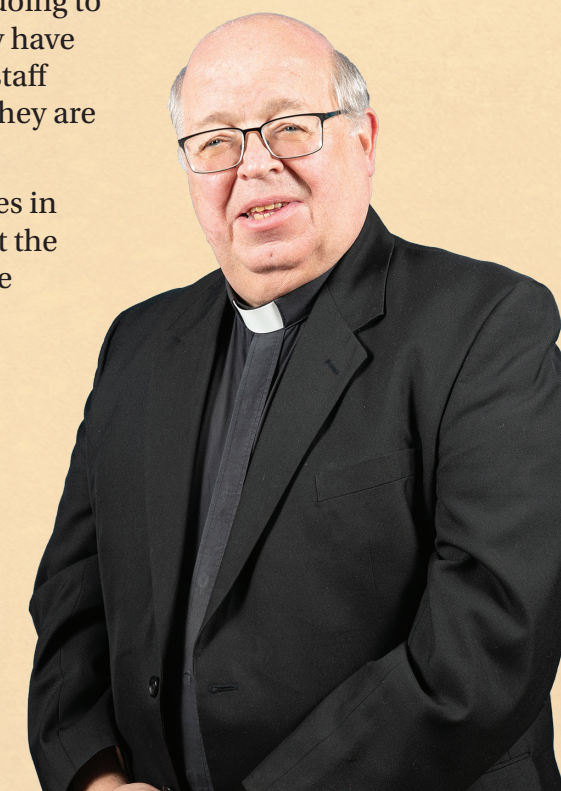
I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanks*GIVING for God's Blessings." I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication. With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time and talents to strengthening our faith community, like our homebound ministry that provides hope and spiritual healing. This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will prompt you to get involved. Many others are feeling the call to service! In fact, we had many new volunteers for our parish purse bash and festival this year. The weather and the attendance were spectacular, and the events raised more than \$50,000!

With gratitude to our parish staff, take notice of the work they have been doing to light a fire for Christ in the hearts and minds of our parishioners. You may have heard that a National Eucharistic Revival is underway, which means our staff members are part of a grassroots effort to share the gift of the Eucharist. They are helping to build the foundation for the future of our Church!

With gratitude to each of you who attends Mass, offers prayers, participates in events and donates to the parish, take a look at the many ways you impact the culture and vitality of our parish. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the work underway to replace the aging stone wall at the border of our property and the repaving of our parking lot. We are also looking to upgrading our technology in our parish hall.

Living a life rooted in gratitude requires us to express our thanks. And so I ask you, with prayerful consideration to your current situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude 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.

Yours in Christ,
Father Paul A. Lisik



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For God's Blessings



Giving QR Code

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Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and your brothers and sisters of the parish by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **October 28 – Cavatelli Dinner**
- **Oct. 28-29 – Altar Rosary Bake Sale**
- **December 15 – “KNOW HIM: Saint Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist,” 10 AM and 2 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **December 16 – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, 9:30 AM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **December 16 – Christmas Night Market 2023, 3-8 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **Lent – The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist (dates TBD)**



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2023: 553
2022: 558
2021: 560

Current Single Member Households

212



Baptisms

2023: 6
2022: 5
2021: 5

Weddings

2023: 3
2022: 5
2021: 2



Funerals

2023: 18
2022: 21
2021: 32

New to Our Parish

We welcome over the past year Joy Wallace, our new Facilities and Business Manager, and Erin Knizner, our new Administrative Assistant. Both Joy and Erin are welcome additions to our parish staff. Their vitality, knowledge and faith are important to our daily functions as a parish family. We are in the process of searching for a Director of Religious Education and a Pastoral Associate.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Linda Amdy, who served our parish as Secretary for 20 years and retired August 31. The dedication of our parish staff members past and present allows us to continue to build up God’s kingdom in our community.



Giving With Gratitude

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday – Friday
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM



ONLINE:
mpcatholicchurches.org

Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 253,613	\$ 272,602	\$ 265,343
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	46,184	16,827	13,075
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	97,205	399,395	553,116
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	4,220	10,689	17
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	13,521	5,271	64,886
Special Collections	9,177	16,179	10,439
Total Income	\$ 423,920	\$ 720,963	\$ 906,876
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 91,457	\$ 115,915	\$ 154,330
Church	47,440	76,455	70,925
Rectory	2,139	1,914	9,139
Education and Ministry	96,299	109,612	88,431
General Expenses	199,465	243,392	253,811
Special Collections	9,182	16,564	13,897
Extraordinary Expenses*	311,453	1,011	63,308
Total Expenditures	757,435	564,863	653,841
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (333,515)	\$ 156,100	\$ 253,035

*Includes \$300,000 added to CI reserve for FY23

Our Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Faith Formation Leaders
- Youth Ministry
- Choir
- Cantor
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Funeral Altar Servers
- Homebound Ministry
- Ushers
- Lectors
- Greeters
- Money Counters
- Kitchen Crew
- Baptism Prep
- Marriage Prep
- Sacramental Prep
- RCIA Team

Organizations:

- Christian Mothers
- Rosary Altar Society
- First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association
- Knights of Columbus

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 724-547-1911 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

