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Uplift Our **FAITH** Community

Ascension Parish Annual Report 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. It really is incredible to look back on the last year and see how our parish has come back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Mass attendance is slowly rebounding and our outreach is revived!

If you, too, are in need of a revival, consider this a personal invitation to reunite with the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith. When you are ready, I welcome you to experience, once again, His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

I know that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing that covenant of love. Many do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

You can help us change that! You can uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to pray the rosary and invite others to pray it with you. Also, consider taking an active role in our parish community. A ministry listing is included in this report. Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly and become a good steward by offering the gifts God has given you. Those gifts support our missions and ministries that will help others encounter Christ.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have already given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember our parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can bring the Eucharist to those who so desperately need it.

With this report, we take an opportunity each year to communicate to you about our ministries, outreach, capital improvements, finances and parish statistics. However, I invite you to come see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!



*Yours in Christ,
Deacon Bill Newhouse*



Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parishes this year. The record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal has supported outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, and the sick and homebound throughout the Diocese. Here in Jeannette, the Walking with Moms in Need collections have certainly provided resources for young families burdened by the rapidly rising costs of food and clothing. They will continue to need our support.



Thankfully, our parishes and our societies are once again able to fundraise. This year, Sacred Heart's Lenten Fish Fries and Ascension's Summer Italian Food Festival were quite successful! It was wonderful to see people gathering as a community again.

I want to call your attention to the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative to show as many people as possible what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the heart and soul. This three-year initiative for the Diocese of Greensburg kicked off here in Jeannette on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Catholics from around the Diocese joined Bishop Larry J. Kulick in a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Jeannette, beginning at Sacred Heart following the celebration of Mass, and ending with Benediction at Ascension Church, followed by refreshments for all. It was a wonderful show of faith for our parishes.

In our parishes, times for adoration and reconciliation are scheduled regularly; please take advantage of these opportunities to help confront the hardships that we face in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

Parish Financials

2021-22 2020-21 2019-20

Offertory	\$ 220,295	\$ 223,733	\$ 242,868
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,070	1,921	3,064
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	19,542	27,086	61,718
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	4,134	—	22,016
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	31,180	1,592	53,852
Special Collections	9,830	7,573	31,480
Total Income	\$ 287,051	\$ 261,905	\$ 414,998
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 59,010	\$ 59,726	\$ 60,915
Church	32,096	29,211	26,064
Rectory	4,114	6,710	7,398
Education and Ministry	59,150	45,874	56,695
General Expenses	115,834	111,290	161,713
Special Collections	9,830	7,793	31,864
Extraordinary Expenses	11,840	4,291	25,558
Total Expenditures	\$ 291,874	\$ 264,895	\$ 370,207
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (4,823)	\$ (2,990)	\$ 44,791

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2022: 488
2021: 500
2020: 517



Current Single Member Households

266



Baptisms

2022: 4
2021: 11
2020: 3



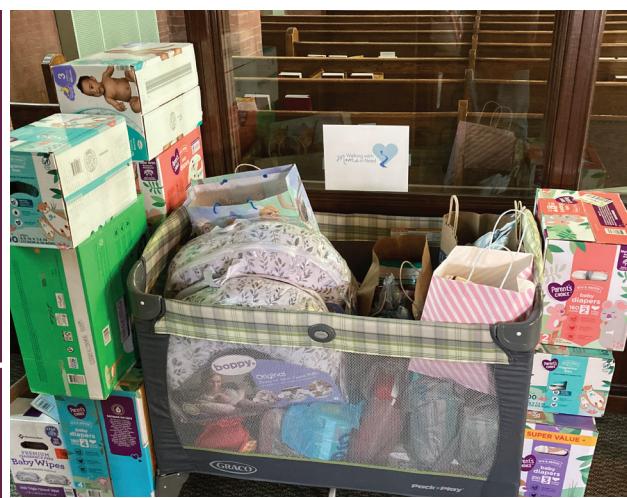
Weddings

2022: 2
2021: 2
2020: 1



Funerals

2022: 32
2021: 40
2020: 25



Our Ministries:

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

- Pastoral Council
- Jeannette Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Rosary Altar Society
- Prayer Chain

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Cantors

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically individuals who can help us to organize and work at our various fundraisers. Please call the parish office today at 724-523-2560 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parishes maintain the facilities, making them the center of prayer in our community.

Over the last three years, using those funds that you have most generously provided, we have been able to make a number of upgrades, improvements and repairs to our facilities.

At Sacred Heart School, the classroom lighting is gradually being upgraded from fluorescent to LED, and a broken hot water tank was replaced, while electrical upgrades were made to the kitchen area and a freezer was replaced.

In Sacred Heart Church, the restoration of the interior walls was completed as were some repairs to the heating system.

At Mersinger Hall, the air conditioning unit and coil was replaced, along with a freezer.

At Ascension Church the air conditioning unit has needed to be repaired. In addition, the Ascension Church parking lot has been able to receive some modest care.

Despite all the listed improvements, the challenge of maintaining all of the buildings of both parish campuses is enormous and ever continuing.



Ways You Can Give



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IN PERSON:
Monday - Thursday - 7:30AM - 12:30PM



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