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**Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. A few weeks ago, I found myself sitting down at night and reflecting on how our parish has come back to life after the pandemic. Our Mass attendance is rebounding slowly, new ministries are beginning and old ones reviving! My heart is full!

Yet, we all are in constant need to be revived by the life that Jesus brings us. Especially if you have not been regularly back to Holy Mass, please consider this a personal invitation to reunite with the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith. We welcome you to once again experience the Real Presence of His love in the Holy Eucharist.

I know that together we miss many Catholics who have fallen away from sacramental practice. Others do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Still others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

You can help us to change that! You can uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to pray each day for our parish and our people, and invite others to pray with you. Perhaps the Holy Spirit may also inspire you to lovingly reach out to someone who has been away for a while and invite them home. Also, consider taking an active role in our parish community. Many ministries are resuming, and a ministry listing is included in this report. Stay connected and preview or join ministries on Flocknotes by texting "JBM" to 84576. 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 those of you who have already given to our parish for all that you do. 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 Eucharistic and Risen Lord to those who so desperately need Him.

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

*Yours in Christ,*

**Father Daniel Ulishney, Pastor**



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Community

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Annual Report 2022**



## Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners has helped to uplift our parish this year. We had a successful return to our Partner Parish Spaghetti Dinner in March; it was great to see so many come together, unite around a project and reconnect. With a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal, we were able to install security upgrades at the parish office and begin planning for renovations to the phone system and the classrooms at Saint Mary's, which now receive regular use for faith formation. We also replaced old and leaky doors at Saint John's. I am most excited, however, about the growth in parish life. A pictorial directory marking 20 years of our partnership was published for the first time in 13 years. New volunteers and ministers have stepped up, and new activities and ministries are beginning as well. There are new opportunities in faith formation - we currently have three separate Bible studies running, and a growing faith formation program, including the junior and senior high youth ministry activity. Please pray for these efforts. Our Pastoral council has spearheaded involvement of five different committees or teams to effect growth in parish life. And outreach has expanded, too - to reach out to those in need, our parishioners are forming the first new Saint Vincent de Paul Conference in the Diocese in several years! Good things are happening.

Please see the parish bulletin for a full list of activities on the calendar, but don't miss:

- **Christ the King Faith Formation Session** (following 9 a.m. Mass Nov. 27)
- **The 50th Anniversary Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage** (Dec. 3-4)
- **Advent Activities, such as the annual Giving Tree program, weekly Evening Prayer & Benediction and the Regional Penance Services** (Dec. 19 at Saint John)
- **Christmas Masses, including our Blue Christmas** (Dec. 28) for those grieving the loss of a loved one at holiday time

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. Stop in for Tuesday or First Friday Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Mary's, and look for more information about opportunities to deepen our faith and to draw strength from the Eucharistic Lord, who wants to be so close to us! At Christmas, the Bread of Life was born and was placed in a feeding trough in a city whose name translates to "house of bread," so that we might savor this admirable exchange!

## Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 254,924	\$ 243,280	\$ 244,840
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	12,574	5,177	4,321
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	28,916	34,975	14,439
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	27,164	9,552	26,187
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	33,544	301	3,410
<b>Special Collections</b>	15,998	23,207	34,496
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 373,120</b>	<b>\$ 316,492</b>	<b>\$ 327,693</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 80,333	\$ 63,289	\$ 78,726
Church	61,175	58,343	43,171
Rectory	10,063	2,459	846
Education and Ministry	57,745	32,343	38,593
General Expenses	96,873	80,357	74,081
Special Collections	14,940	9,115	33,509
Extraordinary Expenses	38,244	86,182	19,907
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>359,373</b>	<b>332,087</b>	<b>288,833</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 13,747</b>	<b>\$ (15,595)</b>	<b>\$ 38,860</b>

## Our Parish by the Numbers:



### Registered Households

2022: 336  
2021: 335  
2020: 353

### Current Single Member Households

120



### Baptisms

2022: 7  
2021: 4  
2020: 1

### Weddings

2022: 2  
2021: 3  
2020: 1



### Funerals

2022: 29  
2021: 14  
2020: 24



## Our Ministries:

### Committees Newly Formed by Pastoral Council:

- Faith Formation
- Hospitality
- Buildings & Grounds
- Liturgy & Worship
- Community Outreach

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

- Communion to the Homebound
- Arts and Environment
- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
- Social Media Team
- Catholic Men's Fellowship
- Parish Photographers
- Witness to Life (Pro-Life ministry)
- Catechists and Aides
- Bible Study Groups
- Young Adult Ministry
- Women of Faith
- Cantors
- Choirs (hand bell, parish, children's and funeral)

- Instrumentalists
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Office Volunteers
- Groundskeeping
- Money Counters
- Kitchen Crew
- Donut Sunday
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Lenten Lunches
- Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage
- Food Bank Volunteer
- Cookie Bakers
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Funeral Vigil Service Leaders
- St. Vincent de Paul

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, in all ways, for the teams recently formed by our Pastoral Council, and especially for hospitality volunteers and faith formation helpers. Please call the parish office today at 724-327-0647 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

## Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it a center of prayer and activity in our community. Over the last three years, a number of smaller projects have taken place, including the sealing of the parking lot and repair of damaged grates. An Eagle Scout project helped to beautify the Marian Grotto, and volunteers have helped to tidy up our parish campus. New lights have been installed in the social hall. Deacon Dan, the parish staff and a team of volunteers have helped to clean out clutter from classrooms, attics, closets and

garages. The old organ and altar have found new homes - now benefitting our military servicemen and women abroad. The confessional was renovated and a faith formation office was constructed upstairs, along with a classroom for our youngest disciples. Security cameras, access control, and a fire alarm system have been installed at the office, with more technology upgrades on the way. Significantly, plans are being reviewed to upgrade the classrooms at Saint Mary's, which receive increasing use; the parish staff has grown to meet these needs.



## Ways You Can Give



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday - Thursday - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



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[osvhub.com/stmary-church/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stmary-church/giving/funds)