

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes 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." Although I am new to the parish, 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 21 new families join our parish this year! Our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs are also growing, and we are using more space to accommodate these children. Some families already started volunteering for our spaghetti dinner and partner parish picnic, along with the community Export festival. The music was playing, the people were showing off their polka skills, children were playing games, the grill was smoking and others were enjoying socialization time at our partner parish picnic. Our spaghetti dinner attendance was spectacular, and the event raised more than \$12,000!

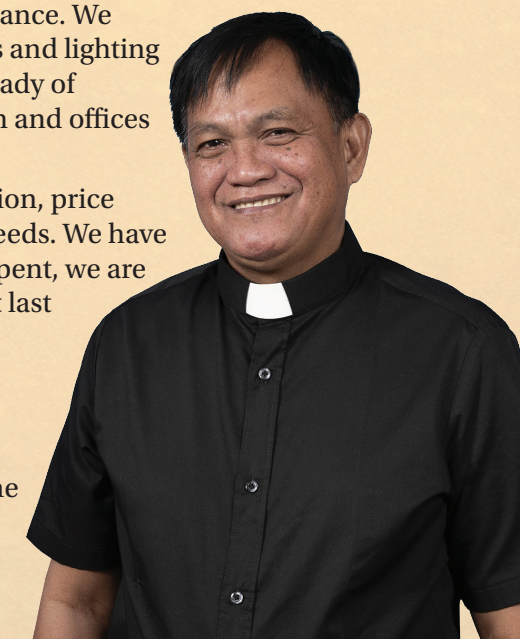
With gratitude to our parish staff, take notice of the work they have been doing to light a fire for Christ in the hearts and minds of our parishioners. You may have heard that a National Eucharistic Revival is underway, which means our staff members are part of a grassroots effort to share the gift of the Eucharist. They have taken this to heart and 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 improve classrooms as well as add a handicapped-accessible entrance. We have updated the grounds with location signs and some new lighting, put new chairs and lighting in the social hall, and repaired some broken parking areas; soon to arrive is an Our Lady of Lourdes stained-glass window. We have also installed a security system so our parish and offices are even more safe and secure, and we've planted trees to beautify the grounds.

As you will read in the Parish Annual Report, our expenses are going up due to inflation, price increases for pandemic recovery, distribution fees, basic cost of living and general needs. We have been able to put \$40,095 into our savings and DLA reserves. Although we have overspent, we are currently still in the positive with our finances. However, the longevity of this will not last forever especially with needed projects on the horizon.

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 Teo



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Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and your fellow parishioners by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **October 21 – Trunk or Treat**
- **October 29 – Saints Party, noon-2 PM, Saint John Baptist de La Salle Church**
- **November 2 – Holy Souls Mass, 7 PM**
- **November 18 – Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, 10 AM-noon**
- **November 22 – Pre-Thanksgiving Mass, 7 PM**
- **December 1-2 – Christmas Wishing Tree Lighting, 7:30 PM Friday, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and 8 PM Saturday, Saint John Baptist de La Salle Church**
- **December 2-3 – Delmont Pilgrimage, 5-9 PM starting at Shields Farm Historic Log Cabin**
- **December 2-3 – Three Kings Gift Workshop, 5-8 PM Saturday and 5-9 PM Sunday, Saint John Baptist de La Salle Church**
- **December 17 – Christmas Cookie Bake Sale, 10 AM-1 PM, Saint John Baptist de La Salle Church**
- **December 17 – Christmas Concert, 3 PM, Saint John Baptist de La Salle Church**
- **December 18 – Advent Penance Service, 7 PM, Saint John Baptist de La Salle Church**
- **Monthly – Eucharistic Talks**
- **Tuesdays – Eucharistic Adoration, noon-6 PM (confessions at 5 PM, Benediction at 6 PM), Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Church**



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2023: 341
2022: 336
2021: 335

Current Single Member Households

120



Baptisms

2023: 7
2022: 7
2021: 4

Weddings

2023: 4
2022: 2
2021: 3



Funerals

2023: 21
2022: 29
2021: 14

New to Our Parish

Kumusta po kayo (Hello everyone)!

Father Teodoro Cortezano became Administrator of Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish and Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export, on March 24. Father Teo, a priest since 1997, was a parochial vicar and parish priest in the Philippines, but also spent more than three years as a missionary in the Solomon Islands and served in the Archdiocese of New York from 2015-17. He was formerly Parochial Vicar of Saint Pius X Parish and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant, and Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal, and also served the parishioners of St. Agnes Parish in North Huntingdon.



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.



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IN PERSON:
Monday – Thursday – 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM



ONLINE:
osvhub.com/stmary-church

Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 286,325	\$ 254,924	\$ 243,280
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,448	12,574	5,177
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	22,647	28,916	34,975
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	39,680	27,164	9,552
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	4,130	33,544	301
Special Collections	15,071	15,998	23,207
Total Income	\$ 372,301	\$ 373,120	\$ 316,492
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 92,752	\$ 80,333	\$ 63,289
Church	60,262	61,175	58,343
Rectory	10,132	10,063	2,459
Education and Ministry	61,788	57,745	32,343
General Expenses	101,845	96,873	80,357
Special Collections	15,106	14,940	9,115
Extraordinary Expenses	51,696	38,244	86,182
Total Expenditures	393,581	359,373	332,087
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (21,280)	\$ 13,747	\$ (15,595)

Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Ushers
- Lectors
- Greeters
- Sacristans
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Communion to the Homebound
- Cantors
- Choirs (hand bell, parish, children's and funeral)
- Instrumentalists
- Arts and Environment
- OCIA
- 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
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Office Volunteers
- Groundskeeping
- Money Counters
- Kitchen Crew
- Donut Sunday
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Faith Formation
- Hospitality
- Buildings & Grounds
- Liturgy & Worship
- Community Outreach
- Lenten Lunches
- Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage
- Food Bank Volunteer
- Cookie Bakers
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Funeral Vigil Service Leaders
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Youth Ministry
- Knights of Columbus
- Meals on Wheels

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 724-327-0647 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.