

Holy Family Parish
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My Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. It is amazing when we look back at last year and see how our parish has bounced back at this point in the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Mass attendance is rebounding, and our pastoral outreach is growing!

If you are in need of a spiritual “revival,” you might want to consider this invitation to expand your focus on the source and summit of our faith – the Eucharist. I encourage you to consider this path in order to help your faith thrive and to deepen your trust in God.

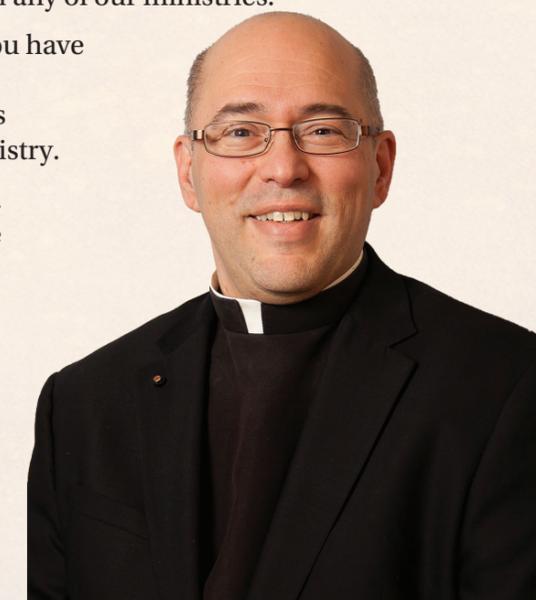
You and your loved ones can support our faith community and make an impact on those who may not feel connected or struggle with their understanding of the mission of the Catholic Church! I urge you to take some extra time daily to pray, and invite others to pray with you. Also, please consider taking a more active role in our parish community. Our ministry listing is included in this report. Consider joining us in a new ministry that could transform your life and the lives of others. These ministries not only serve those in need but are enjoyable opportunities to experience. Please contact me or our parish office for more details on any of our ministries.

Finally, I ask you to think about resuming weekly Mass attendance, if you have not already done so, as your health and other personal situations allow. Additionally, please know that your generosity in sharing your blessings with our parish allows us to grow and serve in Christ’s mission and ministry.

I want to thank you for all you have done in the past to assist our parish. Remember, your stewardship keeps this parish vibrant and a sign to the greater community that we are truly living the Gospel message.

In this annual report, we have taken an opportunity to communicate with you about our ministries, outreach, faith formation, capital improvements, finances and parish statistics and demographics. We hope to see you soon, and ask you to tell your friends and neighbors that all are indeed welcome at Holy Family Parish!

With blessings and prayers,
Father Willie



Uplift Our
FAITH
Community

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Annual Report 2022**



Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners and friends has helped to strengthen our parish during this past year. Our record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal has supported ministries and parish accessibility to seniors, those with health concerns, infants, expectant mothers and the homebound.

Thankfully, our parish is once again able to fundraise. This year, our second annual covered-dish brunch and basket raffle and Christmas and Easter candy sales were successful in reaching their goals.

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating:

- **Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 – Advent Evening of Reflection**
- **Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 – Christmas Season Gathering and Feast Day Celebration**
- **Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023 – Valentine Card Making**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023 – Mardi Gras**
- **Lenten Evening of Reflection (date and time to be determined)**
- **Friday, April 21, 2023 – Pilgrimage to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster to be inspired and spiritually moved by its production of “Moses.”**

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. Watch for more information about local adoration and reconciliation opportunities. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 187,823	\$ 183,003	\$ 166,326
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,556	3,049	2,072
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	3,810	13,235	8,748
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	19,987	19,964	30,245
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	37,001	74,700	23,555
Special Collections	16,575	7,457	6,938
Total Income	\$ 268,752	\$ 300,665	\$ 238,278
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 97,010	\$ 135,405	\$ 84,832
Church	11,594	32,760	11,162
Rectory	9,936	45,289	8,954
Education and Ministry	20,469	12,365	5,675
General Expenses	101,663	110,935	99,685
Special Collections	13,915	7,263	6,703
Extraordinary Expenses	11,411	9,224	7,982
Total Expenditures	265,998	353,241	224,993
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 2,754	\$ (52,576)	\$ 13,285

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2022: 494
2021: 491
2020: 455

Current Single Member Households

260



Baptisms

2022: 1
2021: 0
2020: 2

Weddings

2022: 1
2021: 0
2020: 0



Funerals

2022: 11
2021: 18
2020: 13



Our Ministries:

LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES:

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- OCIA Team
- Faith Formation
- Cookie Baker
- Grounds and Gardening
- Church Cleaning
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Ministry to the Homebound
- FORMED Online Catechesis
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Faith Formation
- Prayer Chain

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Before Mass Rosary/Prayer Leader
- Music Ministry
- Usher
- Sacristan/Altar Linen Care
- Greeter/Hospitality Minister
- Reader
- Cantor

SERVICE MINISTRIES:

- Holy Name Society
- Collection Counter
- Parish Support of Local Ministerium

OTHER SERVICE MINISTRIES:

- Lazarus' Ladies
- Knights of Columbus

We need volunteers to support our parish, including altar servers, catechists and aides, greeters, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Please call the parish office today at 814-446-5759 or see Father Willie for details.

Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer and pastoral ministry in our community. Over the last three years, we have made numerous physical plant improvements. We added handicapped accessibility via the Nazareth Room entrance to our church, beginning the process of expanding Faith Formation needs through the modification of catechetical spaces, and greatly

improved parish office access by relocating that administrative space to our church building. Additionally, we have brought the 21st century to our church building with installation of Wi-Fi accessibility that has boosted our level of technology here by leaps and bounds. Finally, the support of generous donors helped to restore our church sound system and provided piano presence in the church and catechetical areas.



Additional Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL:
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AT THE PARISH OFFICE:
Monday - Thursday - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday - 9:00 AM - NOON



ONLINE:
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