Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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#### **Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. I find it encouraging to see how our parish, Our Lady of the Assumption, has come back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic, with our Mass attendance rebounding and our outreach growing.

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

With you, I realize that many absent, young and fallen-away Catholics are missing out on that covenant of love because many stay away, or do not feel connected, fulfilled or sufficiently knowledgeable about their faith to respond to challenges from secular society. Some struggle with having faith in God, while others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

You can help to uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to pray and think about the saving Mysteries of the Faith in the rosary and invite others to pray it with you. Second, consider taking an active role in our parish community by taking on a ministry with and for the parish. A ministry listing is included in this report. Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly and become a good steward by offering and sharing the gifts God has given you and by encountering your friends, family and neighbors. Remember that your gifts support our missions and ministries that will help others encounter Christ. Without your financial support, we cannot fulfill the mission; we still come up short of the funds necessary for ordinary operations. Our future requires us to stop reliance on our savings for ordinary and extraordinary expenses. You can be an uplifting force at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have already given to our parish. Your contributions can make this Catholic parish in Southern Indiana County 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 and so that we can maintain and improve our sacred places for worship, community, education and service. You know the challenges we faced this past year with infrastructure extraordinary expenses.

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 place waiting for you!

Yours in Christ, Father John Pavlik, OFM Cap.



## **Sources of Hope:**

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this year. Throughout our Diocese, the record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal supported outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, and the sick and homebound throughout the four-county region that makes up our Diocese. As the number of homeless rises in Western Pennsylvania, we will continue to need your support.

Thankfully our parish, and particularly our societies are once again able to function and to fundraise. Fundraising is an essential activity for us. This year, our August minifestival was a great success, with more than 200 people attending and enjoying one another! It was wonderful to see so many people gathering as a community again.

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

- Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year with an opportunity for personal adoration on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20
- Mass for our Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, with distribution of bread by the Knights of Columbus
- Preparation of Advent wreaths
- Communal caroling
- Traditional Blessing of Wine for the Holidays in honor of St. John the Evangelist and Blessing of Families on the Feast of the Holy Family
- Distribution of 2023 Parish Directory
- Rolling out of ALOTA T-Shirts
- Parish Mission Feb. 11-14

I also 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, as we have a real relationship with Jesus, our Savior. Look for more information about adoration and reconciliation opportunities locally to help confront the hardships that we face in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival will powerfully lift us to face challenges.

<b>Parish Financials</b>	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 368,250	\$ 330,776	\$ 311,900
Other Ordinary Income (monthly collections, votive candles)	9,859	8,283	5,062
Extraordinary Income (bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)	31,617	24,271	13,808
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	7,390	11,997	11,704
Other Non-Assessable Income (The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)	101,560	73,383	112,096
Special Collections	26,406	31,210	30,040
Total Income	\$ 545,083	\$ 479,920	\$ 484,610
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 116,472	\$ 110,049	\$ 94,276
Church	37,239	44,393	25,491
Rectory	7,472	6,422	3,867
Education and Ministry	61,361	55,657	56,235
General Expenses Special Collections	240,683 25,572	226,760 31,210	221,021 30,676
Extraordinary Expenses	57,982	19,550	46,414
Total Expenditures	546,781	494,041	477,980
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,698)	\$ (14,121)	\$ 6,630

# **Our Parish** by the **Numbers:**



**Registered Households** 

2022: 654 2021: 669 2020: 685

Current Single **Member** Households







**Baptisms** 2022: 4 2021: 10 2020: 0

Weddings 2022:6 2021:4 2020:1





**Funerals** 2022: 25 2021: 29 2020: 17



### **Our Ministries:**

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Lectors
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of **Holy Communion**
- Catechists and Youth **Group Ministers**
- Communion Ministers to the Homebound
- Altar Rosary Society
- Christian Mothers
- Mercy Meal Committee Fundraising Committee

- Knights of Columbus
- Youth Group
- Youth Ministry Social **Service Projects**
- Weekly Food Bank Collection
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Local Homeless Shelter **Collection and Distribution**
- St. Vincent de Paul **Interviewer Volunteers** and Retail Assistants
- Praver Chain
- Facebook Page

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically ushers and individuals who can help us run fundraising dinners and ticket sales. Please call the parish office today at 724-479-9542 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 the center of prayer in our community.

The Lucerne site had substantial boiler and air conditioning repairs and replacement issues. Custom handrails were installed in the sanctuary. The rectory garage door was repaired and painted.

The Coral site had the air conditioning replaced at the church and a new roof put on the social hall. The cemeteries have also had some improvements, including putting a new roof on the garage in Lucerne.





### **Ways You Can Give**



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