

Dear Parishioners,

We have many relationships in our life, but what is the most important one? Because we are Christians, and we take our discipleship seriously I would imagine that we would answer the most important relationship in our life is the one we have with Jesus Christ.

How do we live our faith? We live our faith through worship and prayer. We live out our faith by trying to be virtuous people. We also live our faith by being part of a Christian community. That community supports us in our faith journey. If we don't live our lives connected to a community, it is almost impossible to follow Jesus. Our Lord showed us the way when he gathered faithful disciples around him as he began his ministry.

When we have questions about the meaning of our life we turn to the church. When we experience sadness, we can find support from other Christians in our parish. When we are experiencing joy, our brothers and sisters in the church are happy to celebrate with us. The church community touches our lives in many ways.

The church exists because of God's divine providence and because parishioners invest their time, talent and treasure in it. An important part of church support is the offertory collection. We have not asked people to reflect on their level of offertory giving for several years. Almsgiving, a hallmark of the Lenten season, is an important part of Christian living. For that reason, we are having a special stewardship program this year called *His Heart, Our Hands*. This brochure explains the program and highlights the ways we live out our faith in our parish.

Our Commitment Weekend is **March 9th and 10th**. Sacred Heart parishioners have always responded generously when asked for donations. I ask you to take time to reflect on your offertory gift. This is the lifeblood of our daily finances. I invite you to please join in supporting our parish community.

Please remember Sacred Heart Parish in your daily prayers,

Blessings,



Fr. Mark DeSutter
Pastor

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Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and
bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill
out your Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update
your current online gift amount at
[www.sacredheartmoline.org/
contribute](http://www.sacredheartmoline.org/contribute)

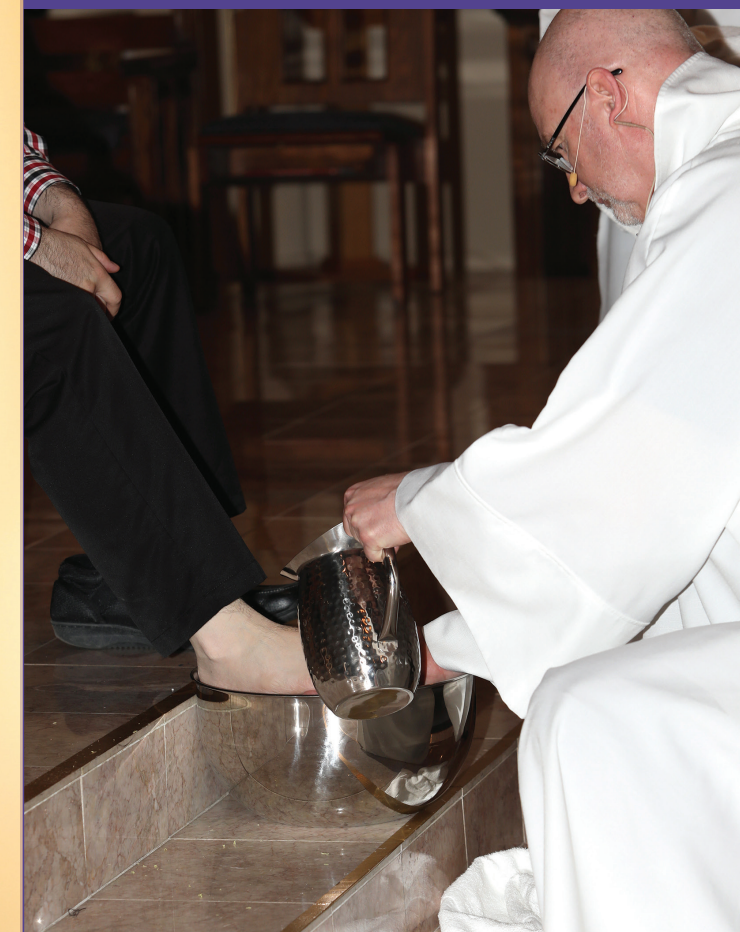


Use your **offering envelope**
and bring it to Mass each
Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax-advantaged
charitable gifts** such as IRA
Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or
remembering the parish in your
will. Contact the parish office at
309-762-2362.

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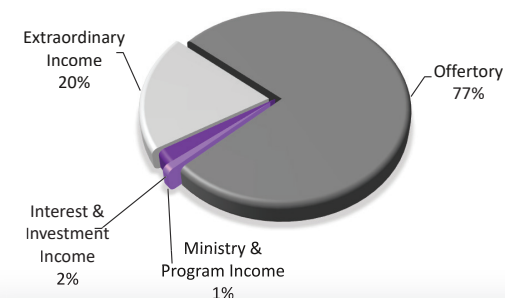


Financial Snapshot: 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

Operating Income

Offertory	\$921,838.10
Ministry & Program Income	\$12,354.00
Interest & Investment Income	\$26,160.69
Extraordinary Income	<u>\$235,036.47</u>

Total Operating Income **\$1,195,389.26**

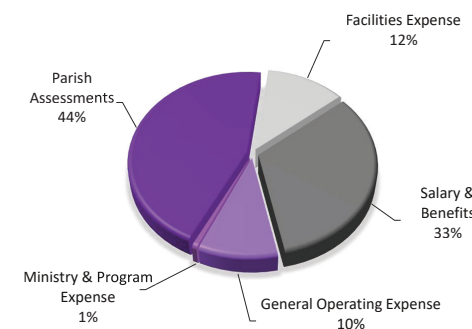


Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$377,517.33
General Operating Expense	\$113,379.95
Ministry & Program Expense	\$7,364.47
Parish Assessments	\$511,764.89
Facilities Expense	<u>\$136,946.96</u>

Total Operating Expense **\$1,146,973.60**

Net Operating Surplus **\$48,415.66**



United in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we do great things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, the members of our parish community journey on the path of discipleship and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ daily.

1,295

Families in our parish

47

Baptisms

49

First holy communions

41

Confirmations

13

Marriages

54

funerals

221

children in our Consolidated School

120

Children in Religious Education Classes

10

RCIA candidates and catechumens

Everything we have is a gift from God. As we strive to love one another, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship consists of receiving God's gifts with gratitude and sharing them in love and justice to further the mission of our Lord.

548

Masses celebrated in our church each year

4,058

Communion visits to the homebound and hospital

258

Parishioners serving in liturgical ministries

- 30 Altar Servers
- 48 Lectors proclaiming the Word
- 54 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- 81 Greeters
- 22 Ushers
- 20 Musicians

120

Religious Ed Youth Ministry to the Homebound

We know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the words of St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

\$32,629

Contributed to special collections

5

Families received utilities assistance through St. Vincent de Paul

\$25,750

donated to St. Mary's Food Pantry

25

Funeral lunches prepared and served

10-15

Middle Schoolers participating in Living Stones

Our Mission

Our Community

Our Witness