

**Church of the Good Shepherd Parish**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

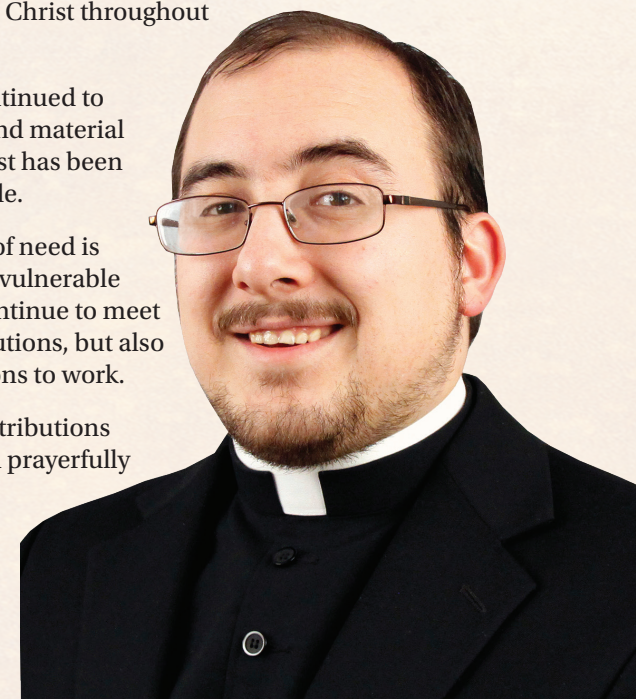
The well-being of every member of our parish has been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. While the uncertainty of the present moment can unsettle us, our faith continues to strengthen us in the virtue of hope.

I hope you have been comforted by our local and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings and, in many parishes, special COVID-19 ministries like online prayer chains and other opportunities for prayer. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and outreach coordinators who made a crucial connection with the elderly and homebound. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

I want you to know that through it all, Church of the Good Shepherd Parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help — not only the help that comes from financial contributions, but also the gifts of presence, time and talent that allow us to put those financial contributions to work.

I sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.



*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Matthew**

Growing Support for our  
**FAITH**  
Community



**Church of the Good Shepherd Parish Annual Report 2021**

**Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing**

- **Altar Servers** - Assist the priest in preparing for Mass. The servers take part in the liturgy by performing tasks to help the priest celebrate Eucharist.
- **Music Ministry** - Choirs and cantors provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** - Assist the priest by distributing the Eucharist at Mass.
- **Greeters** - Welcome people as they enter the church, and assist those with baby carriers, wheelchairs, and walkers.
- **Lectors** - Proclaim the word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.
- **Ushers** - Take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.
- **Money Counters** - These individuals assist in counting collections.
- **Religious Formation Leaders/Youth Ministry Leaders** - These individuals assist in forming the next generation of Christ's disciples.
- **Ministry of Care** - Provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound of the parish. The ministers take the Eucharist to the sick where they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.
- **Social Ministries** - Volunteers serve as funeral directors and help set up for various social gatherings. Planning and implementing the Lenten dinners and Thanksgiving dinner are also important facets of this ministry.
- **Parish Life Ministries** - Cleaning and decorating the church, maintaining the outside church grounds and helping out with office work are all necessary opportunities for volunteers.
- **Knights of Columbus** - Provide charitable service to the poor and hungry, while promoting Catholic education and family values.



# Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community.

The stained glass windows behind the tabernacle were refurbished last year, and we are in the process of restoring our baptismal font to working order. We look forward to using it as the threat of COVID-19 finally passes. After focusing on replacing the church roof in 2018, we also replaced the original rectory roof in 2020. This year also has seen ongoing

maintenance for the buildings and grounds, including some work to address drainage issues, ongoing improvement of the Good Shepherd Garden, and trimming the pin oak trees at the church entrance.

The most exciting projects are two that have been long in waiting and are finally under way — the demolition of the DeMaria house and accompanying outbuildings and the replacement of the four original HVAC units on the church.

## Parish Financials

|  | 2020-21           | 2019-20            | 2018-19            |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Offertory</b>   | \$ 148,621        | \$ 160,677         | \$ 179,071         |
| <b>Other Ordinary Income</b><br><i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>   | 712               | 624                | 1,147              |
| <b>Extraordinary Income</b><br><i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>                            | 76,487            | 38,940             | 53,484             |
| <b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>   | 28,588            | 23,000             | 24,743             |
| <b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b><br><i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i> | 30,110            | 30,356             | 7,286              |
| <b>Special Collections</b>   | 37,455            | 23,779             | 39,751             |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>\$ 321,973</b> | <b>\$ 277,376</b>  | <b>\$ 305,482</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                   |                    |                    |
| Administration   | \$ 78,990         | \$ 76,317          | \$ 93,966          |
| Church   | 22,653            | 18,590             | 23,230             |
| Rectory  | 9,679             | 8,122              | 9,955              |
| Education and Ministry   | 20,720            | 23,484             | 26,923             |
| General Expenses   | 108,478           | 116,055            | 109,682            |
| Special Collections  | 32,779            | 23,022             | 39,751             |
| Extraordinary Expenses   | 30,581            | 106,752            | 18,159             |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>  | <b>303,880</b>    | <b>372,342</b>     | <b>321,666</b>     |
| <b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>   | <b>\$ 18,093</b>  | <b>\$ (94,966)</b> | <b>\$ (16,184)</b> |

## Our Garden



### Registered Households

2021: 329  
2020: 337  
2019: 352

### Single Member Households

127



### Baptisms

2021: 8  
2020: 6  
2019: 4

### Weddings

2021: 2  
2020: 1  
2019: 3



### Funerals

2021: 13  
2020: 20  
2019: 5



## Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you to all who donated in 2020 and 2021. This was greatly assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal.



As I am sure you can imagine, our parish suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. We did have a successful series of drive-thru Lenten dinners this year, but our Lenten and turkey dinner fundraisers were negatively affected in 2020.

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating. Help us grow the flowers of tomorrow by planting the seeds today:

- Turkey Dinner – Sunday, Nov. 7, noon until all dinners are sold.

## Ways You Can Give



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Thursday  
10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Friday – 10:00AM-12:30PM



**ONLINE:**  
Donate.DioceseofGreensburg.org

