



Impact Report

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

St. Mary
Catholic Church
Delaware, Ohio

Introduction

Dear Saint Mary Parishioners,

November is a month that has always been associated in my mind with family. Of course, there were the Thanksgiving celebrations and Michigan-Ohio State watch parties that brought many of my aunts and uncles and cousins together. But there were also the trips I would take with my maternal grandparents to Chillicothe, their hometown.

I remember the hills surrounding Chillicothe aflame with the yellows and reds and oranges of fall. We would visit a cemetery overlooking the town, where my grandparents would point out various landmarks, such as the sledding hill or the place where my grandparents first met while Papaw Bill was on leave from the Navy.

Our main purpose was not sight-seeing, but to pay our respects at the graves of our family members, and - with a pail of water, a coarse brush, and some elbow grease - to clean the cold granite gravestones. The work was usually done in silence, but there would be pauses in between the cleaning of gravestones or walking to another part of the cemetery when my grandparents would share stories about one of their parents, or a great aunt or uncle. These little vignettes would play out in my mind like a black-and-white film, bringing to life family members long gone.

Family, I learned, was not just a connection to the relatives that I had grown up with. It was also a connection that spanned the chasm of time and space. Those visits helped me to appreciate in a much deeper sense the sacrifices and struggles that my forebears endured. It was not just my understanding of family that was expanded, but also my sense of self. I was indebted to these relatives whom I had never met and could never repay.

As we enter into a time set aside for family gatherings and giving thanks, I encourage you to take a look at the following pages. They present the manifold ways in which our parish family is making a true impact in peoples' lives. It reflects the dedicated work of parish and school staff, volunteers, ministry leaders, and everyday parishioners. Like the stories that my grandparents shared with me, I hope this report will cultivate a sense of indebtedness for the generous efforts of so many of our parishioners and staff members. May it also fill us with a sense of responsibility and duty to continue to support the good work that the Lord is doing in our midst.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

-Fr. Brett Garland



Our Story So Far

OUR MISSION

As a parish within the Diocese of Columbus, St. Mary Catholic Church's mission is to lead all souls to Christ.

If we want to see God's abundant fruit in our parish, we believe that we must create "good soil" for our parishioners, students, and local community by:

- Encouraging encounters with Christ in personal and meaningful ways
- Magnifying the Lord and living liturgically through our individual vocations
- Inspiring genuine hospitality and generosity
- Providing holistic education that respects the dignity of the entire person
- Accompanying each other through even the most difficult challenges

We look forward to growing alongside each of you in the year to come, healing and coming together as a family--by first improving our communications and dedicating ourselves to better serve our beautiful community. This Impact Report is one of our first steps in doing so, and we hope it allows you to see a bigger and better picture of our parish's health and efforts to do Christ's work.

OUR PURPOSE

A **parish**...is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love:

'You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests.'

(CCC 2179)

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places . . . Other seed fell among thorns . . . Still other seed fell on good soil."

— Matthew 13:3-8

Our Parishioners

Parish Demographics

2,035

Total Registered Households

5,831

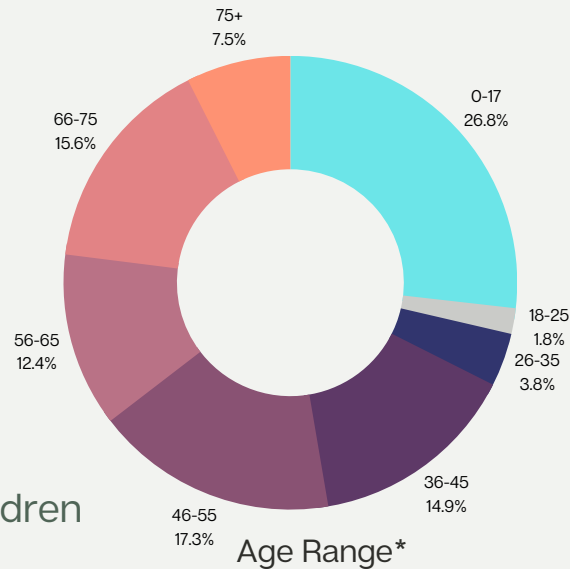
Total Registered Souls

86

New Household Registrations



32% Households have school-aged children



224

St. Mary School Students (K-8)

49

St. Mary School Faculty/Staff

17

Total Parish Office Staff

14

New Hires

7,538

Social Media Followers

+215

Newsletter Subscribers

*According to *Real Presence, Real Future* 2021 Survey

[Help us update our demographic information for 2023-2024!](#)



Our Faith

1,129

Average Sunday Mass Attendance

19%

Parishioners Attend Mass on the Weekend

196

Hours of Adoration

511

Masses Celebrated

2,544

Votive Prayer Candles Burned

50

Baptisms

64

First Communion Recipients

63

Confirmed

220

Faith Formation PSR* Students

38

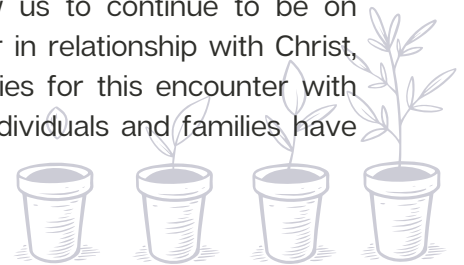
Faith Formation PSR* Volunteers

Catechesis

“Catechesis is the totality of the Church’s efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ.” (CCC 4)

At St. Mary’s we know that **every individual is called to encounter and live in a deep and abundant relationship with God.** We partner with parents in order to nurture each child’s faith formation together. Whether your child is just starting their journey or is preparing for confirmation, we are dedicated to providing the best program for their entire mind, body, and soul.

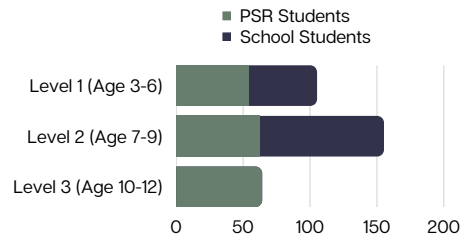
In 2023-2024, we hope to build a stronger team of adult leaders for bible studies and small groups so that **large Adult Faith events happen more than once a week in the parish.** This would allow us to continue to be on mission bringing others closer in relationship with Christ, and provide many opportunities for this encounter with our varying schedules that individuals and families have in our parish family.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

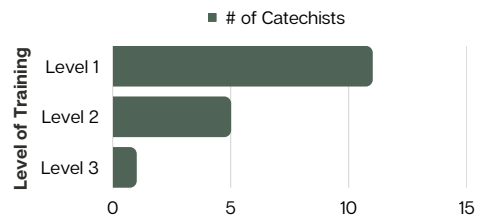
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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Students



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Trained CGS Catechists**



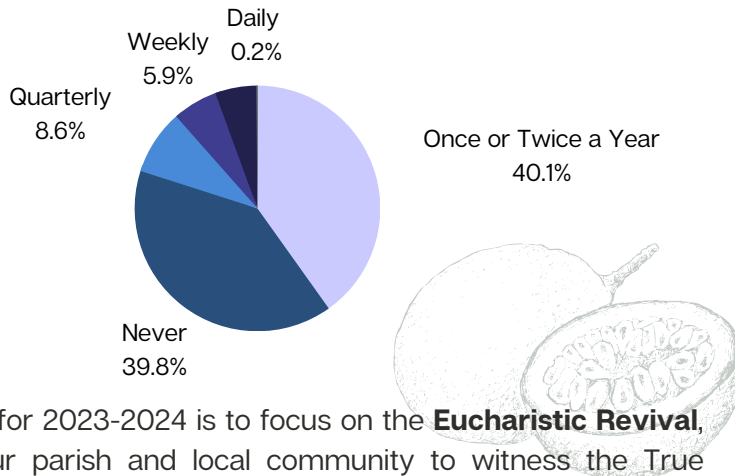
PSR* = Parish School of Religion

***Training for our CGS Level 1 Catechists requires a minimum of 90 hours with a certified instructor. Each Level requires an additional 90 hours of training.*

Evangelization

"We use the word **evangelization** because its root meaning is 'Gospel' (Good News) and because it calls us, even if it is uncomfortable, to live the faith of our baptism more openly and to share it more freely." (CCC 24)

Many of our current programs at St. Mary's have the potential for evangelization, sharing and demonstrating the Good News of Jesus Christ to others in our community. **How often do our parishioners invite others to Mass?***



Our hope for 2023-2024 is to focus on the **Eucharistic Revival**, inviting our parish and local community to witness the True Presence of Jesus Christ at the altar. To see this fruit, we must each increase how often we **extend that invitation to others**.

St. Mary Volunteer Snapshot

25 Ushers	23 Altar Servers	60 Extraordinary Ministers	37 Lectors
15 Cooked a weekly dinner for our Priests	482 St. Mary Festival Volunteer Spots Filled	68 Marysville Balloon Festival Spots Filled	38 Active St. Vincent de Paul Members

Charitable Gifts

\$1,892 Donation to Franciscan Mission Service	\$2K Donation to Pregnancy Resource Center of Delaware County (PRDC)	14 Bereavement Meals Provided
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*According to *Real Presence, Real Future* 2021 Survey

**Includes Parish gift to charity, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society Reports

9

Weddings & Convalidations

33

Funeral Masses & Services

61

Hospital Visits by Clergy

\$159K+

Total Charitable Donations (Financial & Goods)**

589

Total Volunteer Sign-ups



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Knights of Columbus Delaware, OH Council 1056 is a proud and faithful men's group promoting Catholic principles within our community and parish for over 100 years. We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

[Learn more](#)



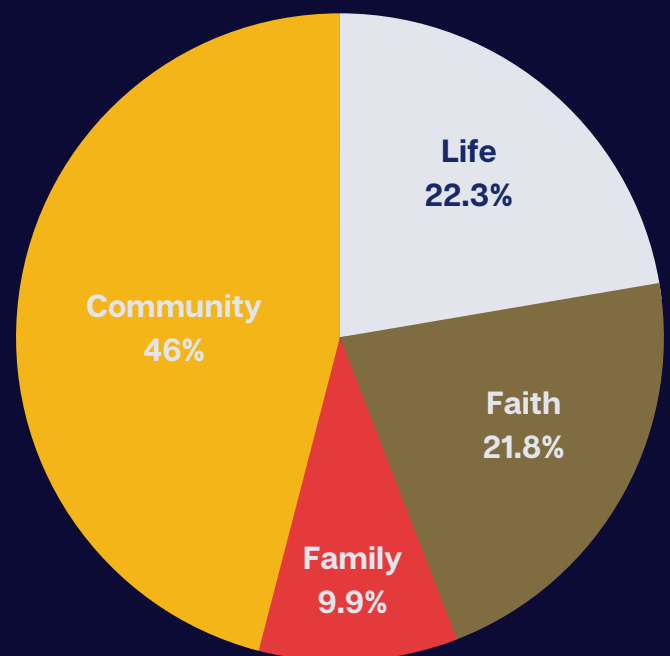
Hosted

28

Events

\$37K+

Total Donations



Donation Categories

3400+

Total Volunteer Hours

1,339

People Assisted

\$82,255

Parish Financial Contributions

\$32,950

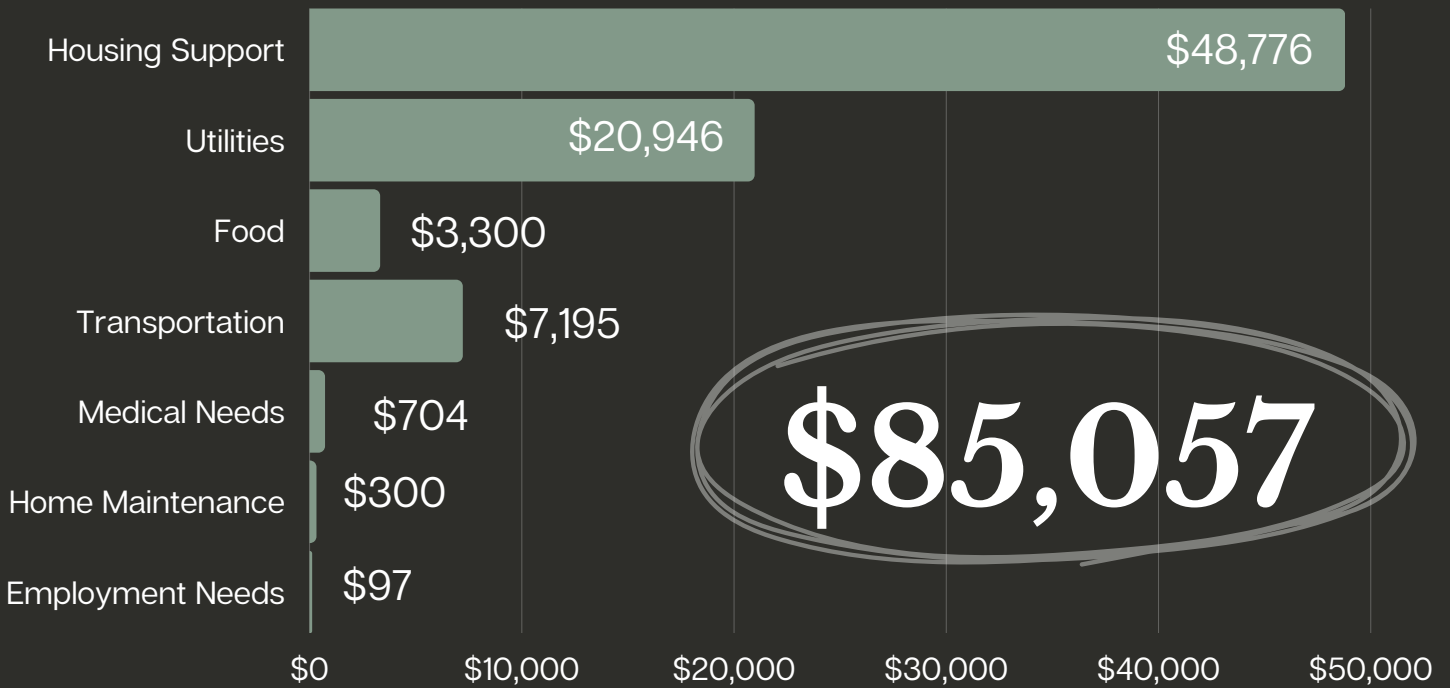
Worth of Life-Sustaining Goods Donated



Wanda's Pantry

Annual Clothing Drive

Direct Financial Aid Given



SVdP Needs Line:
(740) 417-3410

St. Vincent DePaul Society is an international Catholic voluntary organization of laymen and women. The consistent support extended by the St. Mary community allows The St. Vincent de Paul Society to maintain our mission to help those in our community most in need.

All reported numbers are from the St. Vincent de Paul Society (October 2022-September 2023) fiscal year.

[Donate Online](#)



Annual Report

July 2022 - June 2023

		Fiscal '22-'23 Actual
PARISH EXPENSES	Parish Salaries & Benefits	\$543,821
	Parish Office Expense	\$109,689
	Liturgical Expense	\$43,181
	Maintenance & Repairs	\$69,944
	Utilities	\$66,269
	Secondary School Support	\$13,860
	Diocesan Assessment	\$108,110
	Rectory Expense	\$5,415
	Depreciation	\$116,291
	Other Parish Expenses	\$12,070
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Religious Education Salaries & Benefits	\$163,916
	Religious Education Expenses	\$63,906
SCHOOL EXPENSES	School Salaries and Benefits	\$1,738,896
	School Office Expense	\$41,630
	School Educational Expense	\$10,228
	School Maintenance & Repair	\$133,535
	Technology Expenses	\$14,152
	Marketing Expenses	\$862
	School Utilities	\$84,374
	School Insurance	\$21,749

\$3,361,899
Total Expenses

		Fiscal 2022-2023 Actual
PARISH INCOME	Offertory	\$1,365,996
	Bequests	\$94,452
	Parish Activities, Net (Festival + SACC)	\$79,969
	Other Parish Income (Specific Ministry Fund Donations)	\$53,553
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME	PSR, Youth Ministry, Adult Education Fees	\$56,963
SCHOOL INCOME	Student Receipts	\$1,439,467
	Net Student Services Activities	\$97,041
	Other School Income	\$139,062
	School Subsidy Income	\$56,819

\$3,383,322
Total Income



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Awarded '22-'23 Grants

\$4K

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Development

Thanks to this grant, we were able to train two people in Level T (catechesis for ages 0-2) and cover material costs for this future St. Mary program.

\$29K

Parish Strategic Planning Assistance

Thanks to this grant, we were able to hire Montessori and Classical Education consultants to aid our current curriculum transition in the St. Mary School.



The Appeal



The Appeal is an annual campaign to raise funds for Diocese-wide initiatives. Every parish has an annual goal based on their average yearly offertory. Any funding that exceeds the parish's goal is returned to the parish--with no Diocesan Assessment fee.

Make your 2023 Appeal Pledge

\$183,809.47
2022 Parish Goal

\$112,081.04

61%

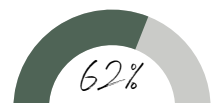
Between May 2022 and April 2023, we raised 61% of our Appeal goal, with an average pledge of \$400.13.

\$163,740.80
2023 Parish Goal

We are currently **\$39,263.95** under our 2023 Parish Pledge Goal. You still have time to pledge and give to St. Mary (Diocesan Assessment fee FREE!)



Pledge Goal



Total Pledges Paid



\$110,830

2022 St. Mary (SGO) Contribution

The Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund is a scholarship granting organization (SGO) of the Diocese of Columbus that was formed to capitalize on a new tax credit passed into law by the Ohio Legislature in 2021.

Receive a
2023 tax
credit

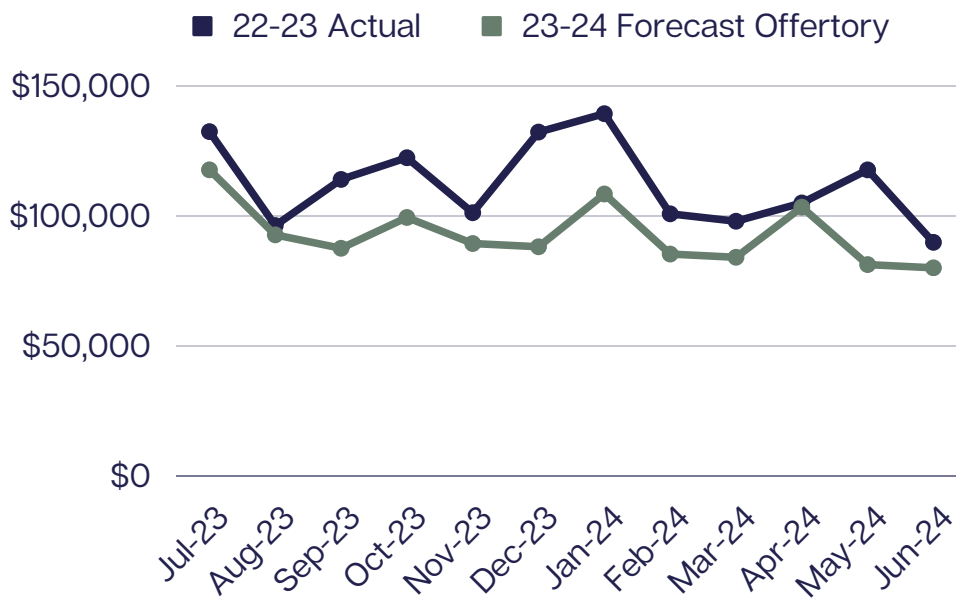


23%

Registered
Families Tithe
Monthly

OFFERTORY 12 MONTH FORECAST

Our projected offertory for 2023-2024 is currently \$231,676 less than last year (roughly \$19,000 per month).



958

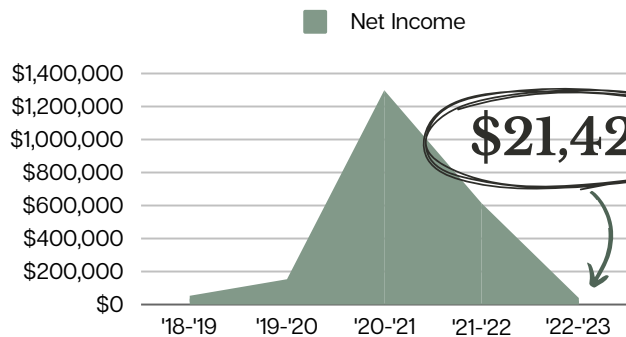
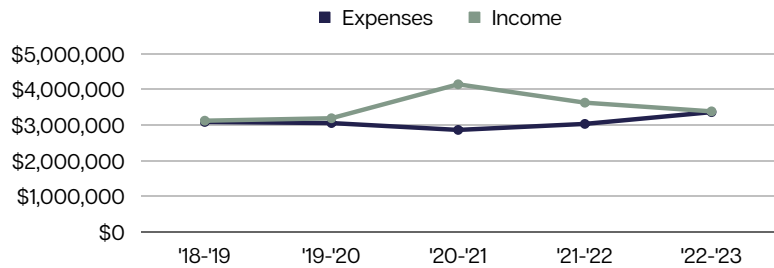
Total Registered
Families Donated to
Offertory

\$1500

Average Total
Annual Contribution

5-Year Financial Summary

Over the last five years, we've seen fluctuations in income and expenses, predominantly during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Our Buildings








Fr. Garland initiated two crucial projects in the autumn of 2022, both of which gave us a clear picture of our entire campus' needs for the very first time:

A **reserve study** was finished in January 2023 by IRC Building Sciences Group. This assessment identified our deferred maintenance needs over a 30 year period. To meet our needs, **we must set aside an additional \$204,000 annually** to ensure funds are available to repair/replace assets across our entire campus.

A **safety audit** was finished in November 2022 by the Delaware Police Department. This assessment evaluated our physical campus and safety procedures. We've been implementing recommended upgrades and training protocols over the last year.

St. Mary Catholic Church's campus includes the following historic buildings and property:

Legend

-  Church (built in 1886)
-  Parish Office (1886)
-  School (1925, 1955, 2005)
-  23 Union/Atrium (1875)
-  Kavanagh Hall (1948)
-  Rectory (1900)
-  Cemetery (1857)

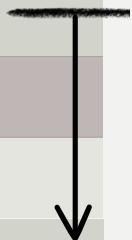
Maintenance Needs within 0-2 Years

Which building has this need?

	COMPONENT	DETAILS	ESTIMATED COST
	Health & Safety Repairs	Concrete sidewalks and stairs; chimney capping stones & repair	\$22,000
	Foundation Repair	Masonry foundation repair needed for all buildings	\$124,897
	Exterior Wall Integrity	Brick & chimney repair & tuck-pointing	\$30,000
	Exterior Items	Functionality of roofing, wall masonry & mortar, windows, soffits/eaves/fascia, exterior doors, caulking	\$705,800
	Mechanical/Plumbing Functionality	School gym HVAC rooftop replacement; church HVAC compressor; water heater replacements	\$181,500
	Sprinkler System	Repairs and inspection are required	\$10,000
	Asphalt Pavement	Reseal west parking lot	\$28,000
	Upgrade Exterior Door	Replace church basement doors	\$6,000
	Upgrade Interior Finishes	Plaster, paint, flooring, pews, window sealing, general renovations	\$1,100,000
	Mechanical/Plumbing Upgrades	School & office air handling units	\$6,000
	Entrance Stairs & Guard Rail Upgrades	Concrete stairs and guard rails in front of the church, office, and school	\$6,000

Structural Integrity Projects

Needs that can become structural or functional concerns if left unaddressed



Campus Projects

One main focus in the parish office has been to address deferred maintenance needs across our campus. By identifying our needs over the long-term, our hope is to be good stewards of the many gifts we've been given at St. Mary Parish.

Meeting all our current maintenance and renovation needs will cost an estimated \$2.2 million.

Our hope in 2023-2024 is to address the parish's top existing maintenance concerns, and to begin updating church interior finishes (such as the floor & pews).

1

School Roof Replacement

We replaced the roof on the original 1925 portion of the school, as well as the roof over the School Commons. This maintenance also included reconstruction around the St. Mary turret located on the front of the school.

We thank everyone who contributed toward the \$136,841.56 that was raised, especially the Friends of St. Mary for hosting a special Trivia Night.

2

Grotto

We built a beautiful grotto honoring Our Lady on the west side of our campus. We had our first outdoor Mass at our homecoming celebration in August 2022.

Our parishioners raised \$99,603 since 2017 for this beautification project.

Many will be honored with their names on paver stones that have been delivered as of October 2023. These pavers will be installed soon.

3

Paid off a \$460K Debt

We finished paying off our \$464,212.53 loan from the Diocese in June 2023.

This loan was taken out in 2005 to meet the remaining construction cost for the most recent addition to St. Mary School. (This addition included the gym!) We are so thankful to the parishioners who have consistently given to our Debt Reduction Fund to help make this possible.

Intentional Stewardship

“Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver.**” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS A BLESSING FROM GOD.

We are each made in the image of God. **Stewardship is an invitation** to develop our relationship with Him and with each other. Today, we humbly open our hearts and begin to build a life we were made for.

God is calling us to be intentional stewards through:

1 Prayer

Begin each day with a prayer of gratitude.

2 Participation

Engage more joyfully in the life of the Church.

3 Generosity

Use this giving guide on the right to help reveal how God is calling you to share your treasure. 

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Prayerfully plan your giving annually
- Use our parish's online giving system. You can make a donation or update your weekly gift by scanning this QR code with your smartphone:



If you need assistance, please call the parish office.

YOUR PERSONALIZED GIVING GUIDE

Weekly Giving to St. Mary's

Yearly Income	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%
\$20,000	\$4	\$12	\$19	\$27	\$38
\$30,000	\$6	\$17	\$29	\$40	\$58
\$40,000	\$8	\$23	\$38	\$54	\$77
\$50,000	\$10	\$29	\$48	\$67	\$96
\$60,000	\$12	\$35	\$58	\$81	\$115
\$70,000	\$13	\$40	\$67	\$94	\$135
\$80,000	\$15	\$46	\$77	\$108	\$154
\$90,000	\$17	\$52	\$87	\$121	\$173
\$100,000	\$19	\$58	\$96	\$135	\$192

Support St. Mary's

You are invited to support our historic parish.

God our Father,

You have a plan for each one of us, and You hold out to us a future full of hope.

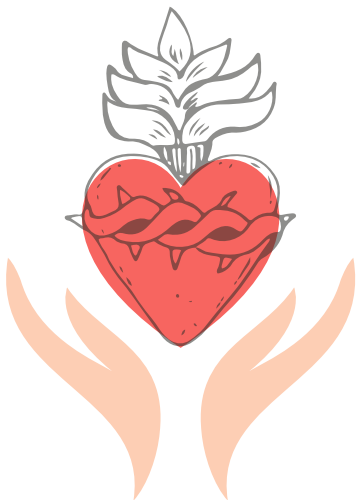
Give us the wisdom of your Spirit so that we can see the shape of your plan in the gifts you have given us, and in the circumstances of our daily lives.

Give us the freedom of your Spirit, to seek you with all our hearts, and to choose your will above all else.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Is God calling you to give?



+40,000

+30,000

+20,000

+10,000

+0

+\$200/month
from 80
families

+\$25/week
from 138
families

+\$15/week
from 100
families

Increased
Monthly
Offertory

3

New Pews & Kneelers

With a total offertory increase of \$37,500 per month, we can begin restoring our pews in the church. This would mean replacing the current particle board 1980s pews and kneelers with versions made from real wood.

2

New Flooring

With a total offertory increase of \$21,500 per month, we can begin the process of restoring our flooring in the church. This would mean replacing the current flooring with real wood *made to last*.

1

Removal of Tile, Carpet, and Broken Pews

With an ongoing offertory increase of \$6,500 per month, we can begin the process of removing the broken linoleum tiles, carpet, and our distressed pews & kneelers.

Acknowledgements

Fr. Brett Garland and the entire parish staff would like to acknowledge and thank the people who worked tirelessly over the past year to support our parish community.

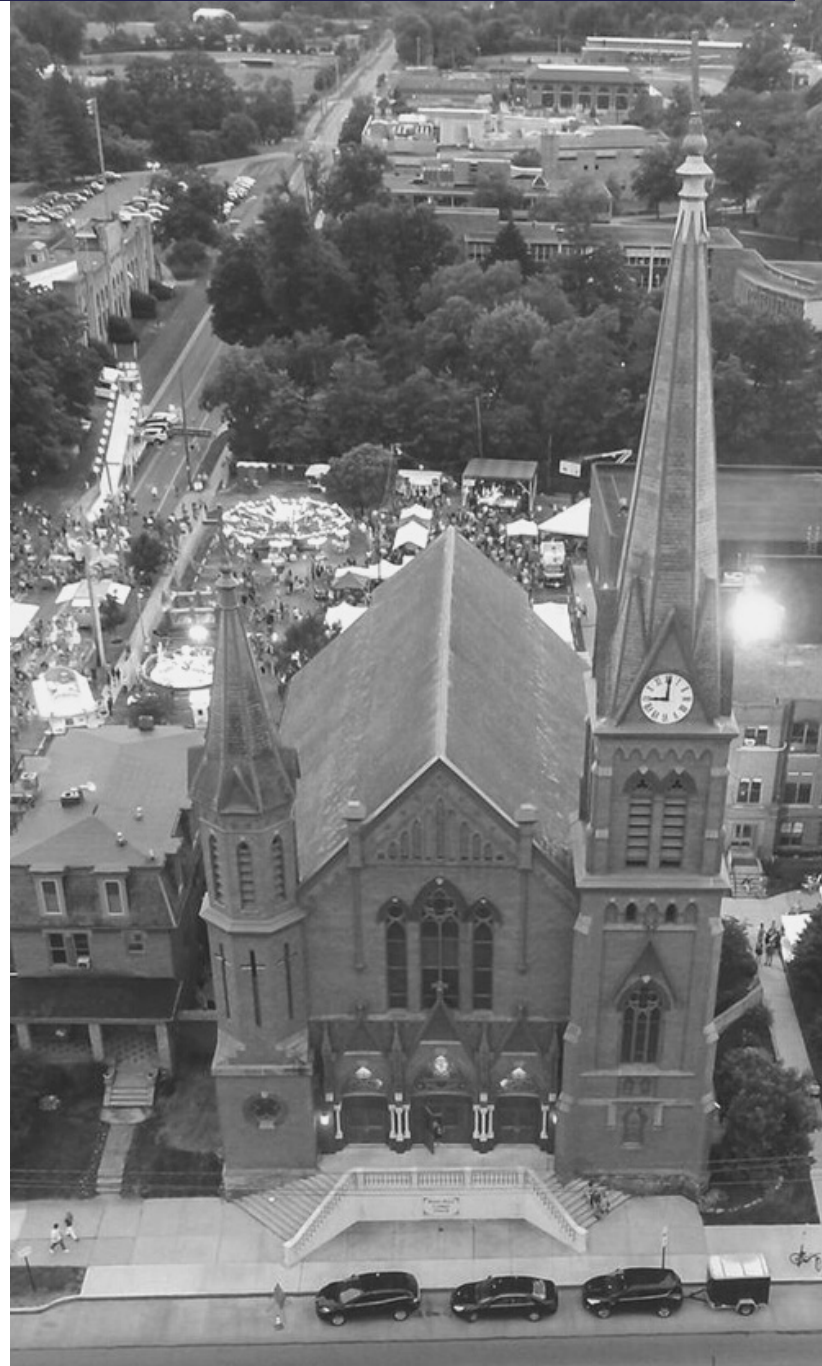
While we cannot name everyone who has made our parish mission possible, we would like to mention a few specific souls who helped create this very first Impact Report:

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We would also like to thank **every parishioner who donated to our Offertory Fund** in 2022-2023. Your contributions make all of our work possible thanks to your ongoing, critical support.

Finally, we would like to thank Bishop Earl Fernandes and the Diocese of Columbus Staff for their continued general support of our parish.

If you have any questions regarding this Impact Report, please reach out to our Director of Communications & Development, Kristin Story, at kstory@delawarestmary.org.



We thank you for
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