

Christ, Prince of Peace Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read our parish annual report. It is truly encouraging to look back on the last year and see how much our parishes have grown and come back to life, post-pandemic. Our Mass attendance is rebounding and our outreach is revived!

With this in mind, if you have not yet done so, I would ask that you 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 by returning to the celebration of the Mass in person – now is the time!

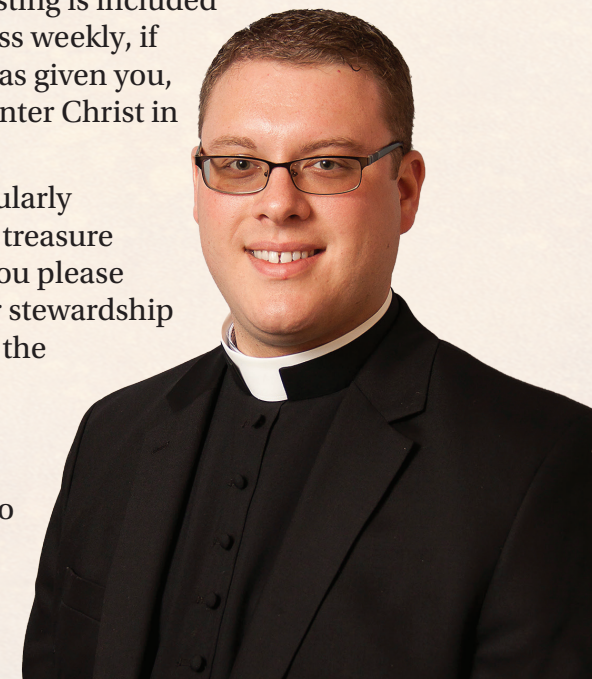
I know that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing this great covenant of love that God has entrusted to us. Many do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Others may struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

You can help us change that! You can do your part to uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to devote some time in prayer daily, such as the rosary, and invite others to pray with you. Also, I ask that you consider taking on an active role in our parish community. A ministry listing is included in this report to assist you in this effort. Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly, if you are not already, and to be a good steward by offering the gifts God has given you, which support our mission and ministries that will help others to encounter Christ in their lives.

I want to sincerely thank those who are already committed to giving regularly and generously to our parish. It is your contributions of time, talent and treasure that keep our faith community vibrant and impactful. I would ask that you please remember our parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so that we can bring the presence of Christ, most especially in the gift of the Eucharist, to those who so desperately need it.

With this report, we take an opportunity each year to communicate to you about our ministries, outreach, capital improvements, finances and parish statistics. I invite you to come and see for yourself. We are ready to welcome you “home” ... we have a seat waiting for you!

Yours in Christ,
Father Dinga



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Annual Report 2022**



Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our faith communities this year. The record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal supported outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, as well as the sick and the homebound of our communities. As these and other important issues arise in our area, we will continue to need your support.

Thankfully, our parish, and particularly certain parish groups, are once again able to fundraise. This past September, our annual festival held at St. Lawrence was a great success, with a large number of volunteers and record amount of proceeds from the event! It was wonderful to see so many people, from both of our partner parishes, gathering as a community once again. We were also able to gather for a parish picnic in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Christ, Prince of Peace.

I would like to call your attention to the National Eucharistic Revival, which is a three-year initiative of the Church in the United States, to show as many as possible what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do and the power of healing it can bring. Be on the lookout for more information about adoration and reconciliation opportunities locally to help confront the hardships that we face in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to help us rise to these challenges, and I look forward to you joining us at the parish level in this important effort.

With this in mind, I would invite you to consider participating in the following weekly and/or upcoming events:

- **Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Christ, Prince of Peace.
- **Weekly Confessions** – Saturdays at noon at Christ, Prince of Peace
- **Advent Regional Penance Services** – Dec. 10-19 (see bulletin/website for times and locations)

Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 323,444	\$ 302,938	\$ 296,984
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,825	214	2,306
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	30,465	23,150	54,420
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	20,625	4,280	1,270
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	2,247	51,862	89,791
Special Collections	28,036	20,562	22,909
Total Income	\$ 409,642	\$ 403,006	\$ 467,680
Expenses			
<i>Administration</i>	<i>\$ 93,101</i>	<i>\$ 82,263</i>	<i>\$ 96,772</i>
<i>Church</i>	<i>86,143</i>	<i>52,736</i>	<i>88,729</i>
<i>Rectory</i>	<i>20,067</i>	<i>18,624</i>	<i>12,203</i>
<i>Education and Ministry</i>	<i>54,076</i>	<i>35,628</i>	<i>32,259</i>
<i>General Expenses</i>	<i>156,485</i>	<i>147,960</i>	<i>136,394</i>
<i>Special Collections</i>	<i>17,621</i>	<i>22,089</i>	<i>22,909</i>
<i>Extraordinary Expenses</i>	<i>39,948</i>	<i>17,072</i>	<i>8,375</i>
Total Expenditures	467,441	376,372	397,641
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (57,799)	\$ 26,634	\$ 70,039

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2022: 397
2021: 466
2020: 404

Current Single Member Households

196



Baptisms

2022: 24
2021: 6
2020: 4

Weddings

2022: 8
2021: 4
2020: 1



Funerals

2022: 27
2021: 49
2020: 19



Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parish help maintain our magnificent church building as well as the surrounding facilities, truly making it the center of prayer in our community. Within just the last year, we were able to take care of several projects in and around the church building/grounds. Most prominently, the St. Cecilia window in the choir loft was replaced after having been removed for repairs for over two years. The various leaks in the front façade of the church and in the towers, which were the cause of significant water damage, were also repaired. A new updated sign for the front of the church, with new mulch and lighting, was put in place, replacing the outdated marquee

which was over 20 years old. The storm drain culvert between the church and the school was recently replaced and the parking lot there was paved. The Marian garden which adorns the side of the church was also refurbished. The front of the school and parish office building were recently re-landscaped. The working parts of the air conditioning and furnace in the parish office building were replaced and lights along the sidewalk to the entrance were installed. In addition, a new bronze corpus was installed on the cross at Holy Trinity Cemetery. New speakers in the church were also installed providing a much louder, clearer sound for the worship space.



Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday – Thursday – 9:00AM – 3:00PM



ONLINE:
osvhub.com/fccatholic/giving/funds

