

**Saints Simon and Jude Parish**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanks*GIVING for God's Blessings." Although I am new to the parish, I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication.

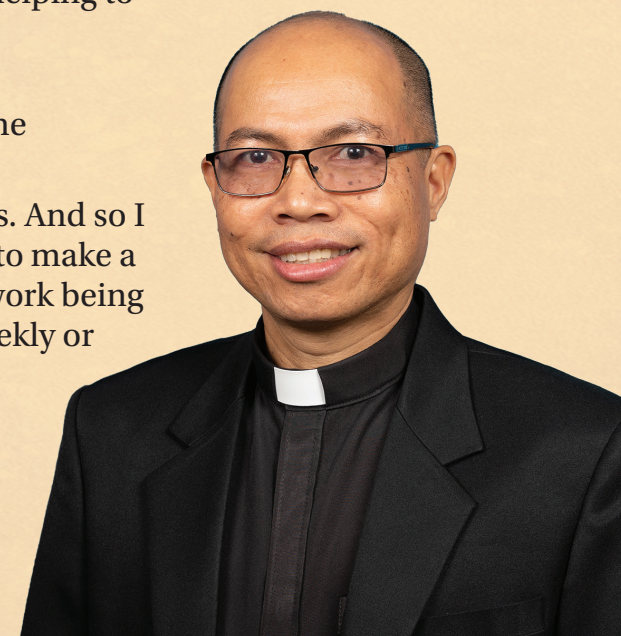
With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time and talents to strengthening our faith community. This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will prompt you to get involved. Many others are feeling the call to service!

With gratitude to our parish staff, take notice of the work they have been doing to light a fire for Christ in the hearts and minds of our parishioners. You may have heard that a National Eucharistic Revival is underway, which means our staff members are part of a grassroots effort to share the gift of the Eucharist. They are helping to build the foundation for the future of our Church!

With gratitude to each of you who attends Mass, offers prayers, participates in events and donates to the parish, take a look at the many ways you impact the culture and vitality of our parish.

Living a life rooted in gratitude requires us to express our thanks. And so I ask you, with prayerful consideration to your current situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude for the good work being done here. Or if you are able, perhaps you will increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Dino**



*thanks*  
**GIVING**  
For God's Blessings



Giving QR Code

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Annual Report 2023**





# Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and your brothers and sisters of the parish by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **October 21 – Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 PM, Marian Hall**
- **December 15 – “KNOW HIM: Saint Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist,” 10 AM and 2 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **December 16 – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, 9:30 AM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **December 16 – Christmas Night Market, 3-8 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**



# Our Parish by the Numbers:



## Registered Households

2023: 370  
2022: 374  
2021: 379

## Current Single Member Households

146



## Baptisms

2023: 13  
2022: 6  
2021: 3

## Weddings

2023: 2  
2022: 0  
2021: 2



## Funerals

2023: 27  
2022: 27  
2021: 23

# New to Our Parish

Father Segundino “Dino” Laude has a bachelor’s degree in AB philosophy from St. Peter’s Seminary in San Pedro, San Jose, Antique, Philippines. He finished his theological studies at St. Joseph Regional Seminary in Jaro Iloilo City, Philippines. Father Dino was ordained a priest April 9, 1999. He arrived in the Diocese of Greensburg March 21, 2021, and was assigned at parishes in New Kensington and Lower Burrell as Parochial Vicar.

Mark Ferlin was ordained as a Permanent Deacon Aug. 10, the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr. He is assigned to Saints Simon & Jude and Church of the Good Shepherd Parishes. Deacon Mark and his wife Kathy live in Whitney; they have three children and five grandchildren.



# Giving With Gratitude

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday — Thursday  
9:00 AM — Noon and  
1:00 PM — 3:00 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[sssimonandjude.org](https://sssimonandjude.org)

# Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 328,101	\$ 310,937	\$ 302,811
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,057	975	1,258
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	55,143	38,299	15,212
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	16,547	11,754	10,502
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP loan)</i>	2,829	2,472	3,928
<b>Special Collections</b>	15,305	13,555	10,181
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 419,982</b>	<b>\$ 377,992</b>	<b>\$ 343,892</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 104,986	\$ 101,139	\$ 98,489
Church	36,352	36,081	41,777
Rectory	8,337	7,223	5,820
Education and Ministry	39,474	34,670	30,728
General Expenses	174,303	169,415	157,197
Special Collections	15,370	13,639	10,161
Extraordinary Expenses	23,248	105,473	14,196
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>402,070</b>	<b>467,640</b>	<b>358,368</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 17,912</b>	<b>\$ (89,648)</b>	<b>\$ (14,476)</b>



# Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Angels of Compassion
- Liturgy Arts and Environment
- Cantors
- Children’s Leaders of the Word
- Catechists
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Choirs
- Lectors
- Ushers

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters and catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-459-7103 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.