

The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish
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Dear Member of the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Family,

I would first of all like to thank you all for taking the time to read over this Parish Annual Report. We are starting the third year of this pandemic, and it is good to see our parish slowly come back to life! Although many have come back to church, there are still a lot of our parishioners who have not returned.

With the worst of COVID-19 behind us, we need to look at the future of our parish and see where we are going. It is our faith and the opportunity to practice our faith that brings strength and comfort to us, and I welcome you all to come back and share in Our Lord's real presence in the Holy Eucharist.

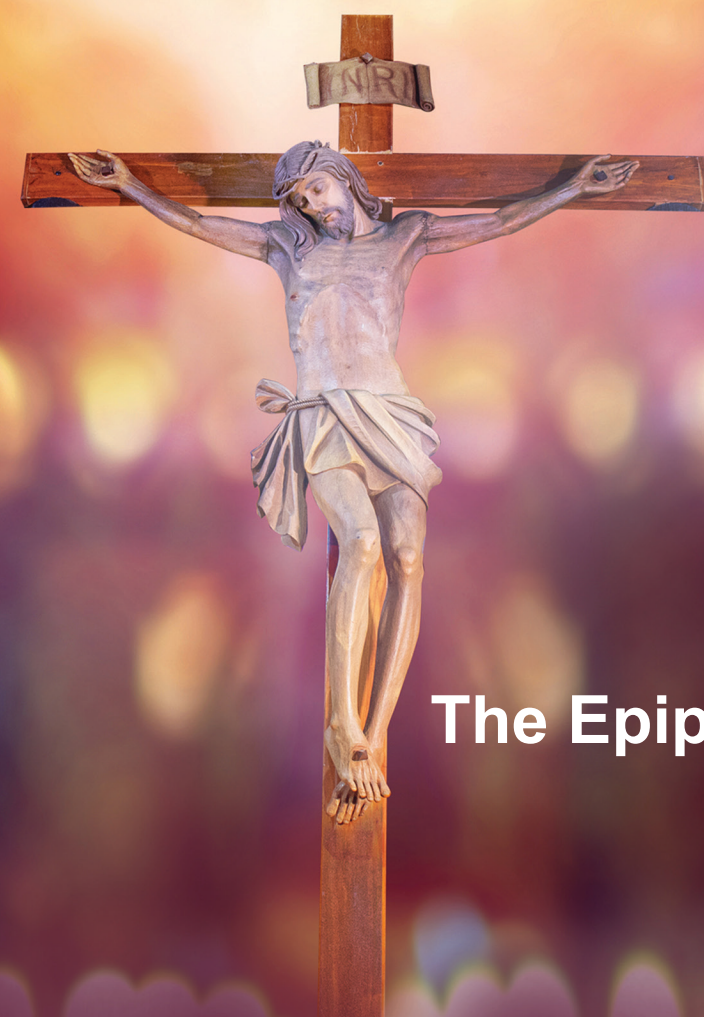
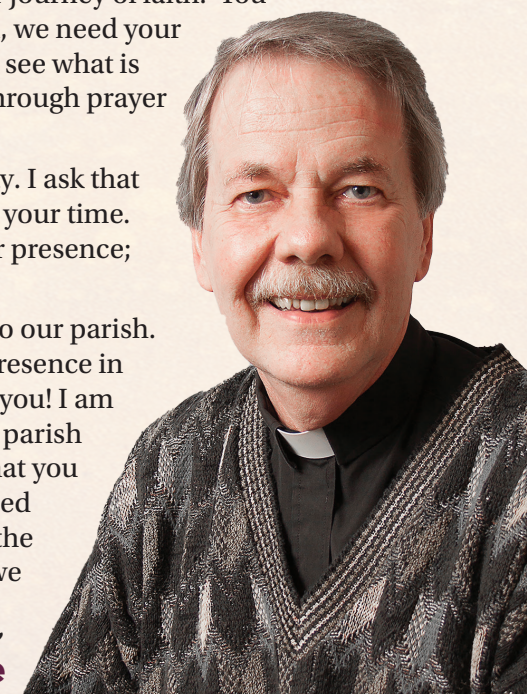
There are many issues with church today; many of our young Catholics are missing, many do not feel a connection with our faith community and many just don't seem to feel connected to the faith. Still there are those who do not fully understand the mission of our Church and what it is about. If you fall into any of these categories, there are things that you can do. First of all, doing nothing changes nothing! We are all being called to share the gifts God has given us with the people who share our faith.

I am inviting you all to come back and see what can be done to help you along your journey of faith. You are a vital part of our community, and you are missed. If change is going to happen, we need your input and most of all your presence to make that happen. Look into your heart and see what is missing. Prayer is certainly one of the most comforting parts of our faith, and it is through prayer that we maintain our relationship with God and one another.

Getting involved always makes one feel more welcome and a part of the community. I ask that you look at the ministry listing included in this report and see where you can share your time. Being a vital member of our parish means, first of all, that you come and share your presence; that is a good place to start.

Please know how grateful I am to you for all that you have already done and given to our parish. It is because of your generosity that our parish is able to continue being a vibrant presence in our community. It is good to feel needed in life, and believe me, your parish needs you! I am asking that you take the time to read over this report and see just where we are as a parish and where we hope to be in the future. None of this is possible without you. I ask that you please remember your parish for who we are and for the many ways we have touched your life. Look at how you share your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. It is the Eucharist that unites us all in purpose and in love; know we are here for whatever we can do to help you.

I remain yours in Christ,
Father Mike



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Sources of Hope:

This past year has been one of “recovery” as well as one of “hope.” Our parishioners have been very generous in helping with the mission of our Church; for that I am grateful! Our Diocesan Lenten Appeal had a record-breaking response so that we can respond to the needs of many people.

Thankfully our parish, and particularly our societies are once again able to fundraise. This year, our summer festival was a great success, with more than 500 people attending! It was wonderful to see so many people gathering as a community.

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating:

- Dec. 4, Ladies Christmas Party
- Nov. 20, Turkey Bingo
- Dec. 18, Breakfast with Santa

I want to call your attention to the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative to show as many people as possible what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the heart and soul. Look 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 rise to these challenges.



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2022: 1146
2021: 1130
2020: 1155

Current Single Member Households

534



Baptisms

2022: 3
2021: 1
2020: 6

Weddings

2022: 1
2021: 1
2020: 3



Funerals

2022: 60
2021: 37
2020: 62



Our Ministries:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Communion and visits to Homebound
- Altar Servers
- Church Choir / Accompanists
- Cantors
- Greeters
- Hospitality (coffee and donuts on Sunday)
- Catechists / Formation Volunteers
- Clerical Help
- Money Counters
- Leadership Pastoral / Financial Councils
- Parish Festival
- Epiphany Ladies
- Holy Name Society
- Catholic Daughters of America
- CBPW (Catholic Business and Professional Women)
- Decorating the Environment
- Fish Fry
- Liturgy of the Word for Children

As with any organization to operate successfully, we need people to make it happen. It goes without saying that we sincerely need many volunteers in our parish. Not only are volunteers vital in providing ministry to our people, they also are needed to conduct the many activities we sponsor throughout the year. Our Fish Fry, for example, cannot happen without your generous gift of time; the same goes for the festival. Please know how vital and necessary all of our volunteers are for the survival of our parish. If you would like to be a part of any ministry or activity at Epiphany of Our Lord, please give us a call at the office at 724-684-7661 and we will gladly walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we completed sealing of the parking lot, built a storage garage beside the parish office, replaced the flooring in the sanctuary, replaced the cement outside the parish hall and removed more than a dozen trees from the cemetery. None of this work would ever have been possible without your generous support; again know how grateful I am to you for that.



Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 335,378	\$ 293,346	\$ 283,876
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,003	6,792	13,384
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	75,223	442,644	94,409
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	9,438	5,180	3,667
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	77,287	8,380	193,861
Special Collections	12,552	15,618	16,897
Total Income	\$ 513,881	\$ 771,960	\$ 606,094
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 104,744	\$ 108,807	\$ 122,534
Church	33,506	33,880	56,411
Rectory	1,480	7,008	10,892
Education and Ministry	93,920	82,899	75,951
General Expenses	213,783	205,063	198,295
Special Collections	13,572	13,472	16,019
Extraordinary Expenses	47,746	342,951	53,684
Total Expenditures	508,751	794,080	533,786
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 5,130	\$ (22,120)	\$ 72,308

Ways You Can Give



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1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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