

Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

*Saint Irenaeus, as a Catholic community, brings people to an encounter with Jesus Christ that makes them disciples fully alive.*



### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

St. Irenaeus Church has been entrusted with much, because of the many generous parishioners like you who have recognized that God has blessed you with plenty. This Annual Stewardship Report is a real and measurable way in which each one of you exercised your gifts here at St. Irenaeus Church in the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

I would like to draw your attention to some highlights. Over the last fiscal year, we had an increase in families registered at our parish, children enrolled in our parish school and parish faith formation program, children who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and volunteers and catechists. On the other hand, household/families that

financially support our parish and average weekly collections are down slightly.

Our newly formed Pastoral Council has formulated a pastoral plan to promote our growing and active parish. There are three distinct priorities: 1) enhancing our prayer and worship experience, 2) improving our faith formation, and 3) increasing volunteers and missionary disciples. We started implementing this plan last June and I am happy to say that there are already positive results!

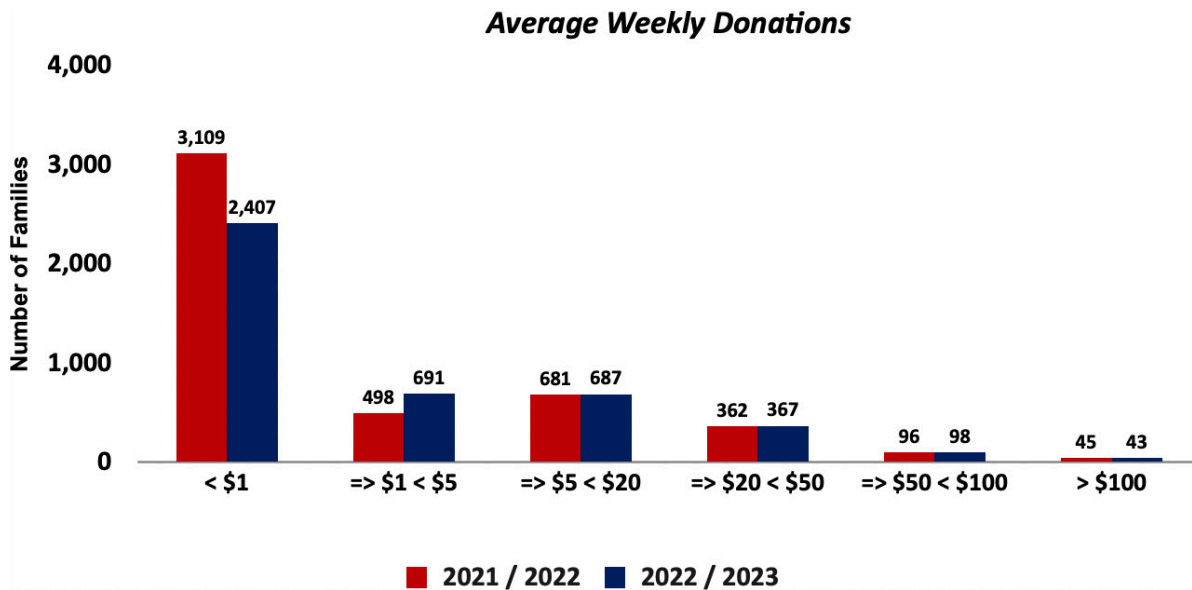
Here are a few things that you can do to support the parish and the Council's pastoral plan. Be involved in at least one of the ministries. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate in our worship and the many activities and ministries that we have here on church campus. Remind fellow parishioners that keeping holy the Lord's Day is a commandment of God, and therefore, attending Sunday Mass is fundamental in being Catholic. And finally, each parishioner has a financial duty based on ability to support St. Irenaeus Church. As Jesus says, much is required or demanded of the person who has been entrusted with much. I recommend using the electronic giving option that is available on our website. You may also give to our parish in stocks and bonds, or include St. Irenaeus Church in your will and trust to assist in the future ministries at St. Irenaeus Parish and Parish School.

Thank you for your faith and commitment to St. Irenaeus Church. Let us continue to deepen our relationship with Jesus and actively make him known here in our parish community. With the beautiful, newly renovated church, the devoted Pastoral Council, and the wonderful parishioners, we are ready for a new religious revival!

Fr. Binh Nguyen, Pastor

### Offertory Report

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Registered Families	4,791	4,892
Average Mass Attendance	3,542	3,216
Households Receiving Envelopes	1,720	1,703
Households that Financially Support our Parish	2,013	1,886
Households Using Electronic Giving	889	1,441
Average Weekly Offertory Gift per Giving Household	\$16.94	\$17.72
Average Weekly Collection	\$34,108	\$33,429



## Stewardship of Treasure

	2021-2022	2022-2023
<b>Parish Support</b>		
Offertory and Holy Day Collections	1,698,066	1,641,820
Christmas and Easter Collections	107,312	125,070
School Tuition Assistance Donations	27,302	28,527
Other Support and Gifts for the Benefit of the Parish	139,394	148,983
Donations Made to H.O.P.E.	73,675	71,732
PSA Campaign Rebates <sup>1</sup>	120,333	93,729
Building Fund Donations	74,267	86,529
Diocesan Collections	81,075	66,340
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>2,321,425</b>	<b>2,262,729</b>
<b>Parish Expenses</b>		
Wages/Benefits Paid to Staff <sup>2</sup>	915,472	949,490
Assessments to Support Diocesan Administration	195,876	200,934
Donations Made to Charitable Organizations	33,860	40,000
Parish School Financial Support	50,000	50,000
Operating Expenses	154,491	163,450
Repairs and Maintenance <sup>3</sup>	140,522	131,887
Property Taxes and Insurance <sup>4</sup>	85,643	76,590
Transfers to the Building Fund	194,600	180,258
Ministry Expenses (includes H.O.P.E.)	225,750	228,730
Diocesan Collections for Designated Uses	81,075	66,340
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,077,289</b>	<b>2,087,678</b>
<b>Surplus (or Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 244,136</b>	<b>\$ 175,051</b>

***“Much will be required  
of the person entrusted  
with much, and still  
more will be demanded  
of the person entrusted  
with more.”***

**Luke 12:48**



<sup>1</sup>Decrease in PSA rebate; previous year was rebound from pandemic

<sup>2</sup>3% wage increases

<sup>3</sup>Includes utilities and excludes non-cash effect of depreciation FY23 \$178,719 and FY22 \$188,874

<sup>4</sup>Reduction in insurance premium \$9K



## **SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED**

- 91 infants/children baptized
- 155 children celebrated their First Holy Communion
- 109 sick calls/anointings provided
- Nine children and five adults received their three Sacraments of Initiation
- 117 high school students and 18 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- 12 weddings and 4 convalidations performed

## **THE PARISH IN ACTION**

- Six charities received monthly support
- 33 volunteer catechists and aides supported the Youth Faith Formation (YFF) program
- 218 funeral services conducted
- 75 Valentine's Day cards for Care Center residents were created by Youth Ministry high school students
- 27 families supported by Tuition Assistance gifts which allowed 36 children to receive a Catholic education
- 12 organizations received donations based on need/request
- Approximately 35-40 foster and at-risk community youth served homemade dinner once a month by Bridge of Light Ministry
- 450+ bags were filled with gifts - thanks to parishioner monetary donations - and later distributed at five Care Centers and to the homebound by Giving Tree volunteers
- 320 children enrolled in our parish school (TK through 8th grade)
- An average of 200 families served at H.O.P.E.'s twice monthly food bank
- Approximately 90 families per month visited the Christian Services Office
- 83 teen and 25 adult volunteers made it possible for 195 children to attend the YFF summer Bible Camp
- 12 special scheduled collections and three disaster relief appeals supported financially by our generous parishioners
- 288 children enrolled in the parish Religious Education program, grades 1 – 8



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