



## PARISH ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

### 2021-2022: A YEAR OF RECONNECTING AND COMMUNITY

As we present this annual report to you, we are grateful to having finally seen the end of the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, especially in regard to worship and events here at Holy Spirit Parish. Many have returned to the celebration of weekly and Sunday mass and other sacraments, but sadly many have not. WE are most grateful for the addition of several new employees this past year, which have enhanced our music and faith formation programs. In addition to Chris Eubank, our Director of Music and Sadie Wynne, our Youth Choir Director, we welcome Debbie Dujsik to our music team as our Adult Choir Director.

We are also grateful to be able to enhance our Faith Formation program, by creating a new vision statement, which is also the vision of our Bishop Ronald Hicks: Catechesis, Evangelization and Faith into Action. To accomplish this, we have changed our structure from one DRE to two coordinators: Kim Kroeze and Lauren Nelson, the newest member of our faith formation team.

In October of this year, we have begun the yearlong celebration of our parish's 25th Anniversary, concluding on October 22, 2023, with a mass to be celebrated by Bishop Hicks. We have also joyfully entered the first of a three-year revival of the Eucharist, along with the other parishes in the diocese and throughout the world. To help us with these events, WE are grateful for the addition of a new carillon system, with the sound of church bells playing after mass from a generous parishioner donor. New Stations of the Cross have been added to our worship space by another donor from our parish as well. The addition of a Reredos behind the altar, with a new cross and corpus (from another donor), and a new tabernacle, we are hoping will help us enhance our celebration of the Eucharist and other worship: Corpus Christi processions, Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Blue Mass in honor of police, fire and first responders, and St. Joseph day to name a few.

At the same time, we are also mindful of our operational, maintenance expenses, and social events, and this includes our mortgage which we must continue to pay.

We are most grateful for your financial generosity to help accomplish all of this and we so appreciate your continued generosity as WE enter these exciting and joyful times in our parish.



## FINANCE COUNCIL

**Fr. Richard Smith**  
Pastor

**Fr. John Sponder,**  
Parochial Vicar

**Leslie Doherty**  
HSCC Business Manager

**Mark Alford, Chairperson**  
Retired, DePaul University,  
Accounting Faculty

**James Nowak**  
Retired, Chemical Industry  
Executive

**James Krzmarzick**  
Retired, Navistar

**Mary Shedlock-Rudel**  
Retired, AT&T, Project  
Management

**Mary Sinapoglou**  
Eisai Global, Oncology Sales  
Specialist

**Dick Walz**  
Retired, Travelers Insurance

**Mike Zenobi**  
Captain, United Airlines

**Chris Wrobel**  
Univar Solutions, Sales Manager

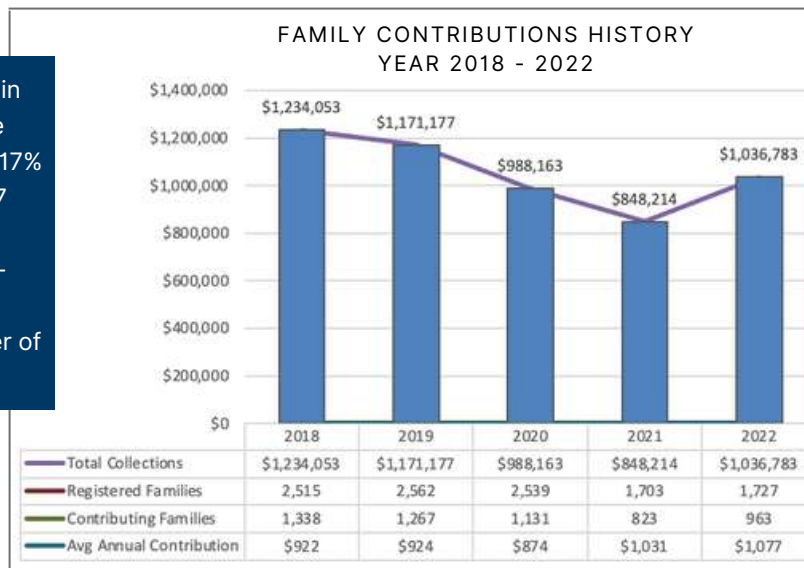
# Our Parish Family

OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS HISTORY

THE 2022 NUMBERS TELL A STORY OF GRACIOUSNESS AND COMMITMENT FROM CONTRIBUTING FAMILIES

The numbers in the graph demonstrate an upward trend in Holy Spirit's offertory collections in first half of 2022. The average annual contribution per family has increased by 17% since 2018, from \$922 to \$1,077. We currently have 1,727 registered families of which 963 families (56%) are contributors. Total contributions rebounded 22% in 2021-2022 which portrays the value and importance of parishioners returning to mass. An increase in the number of families contributing would be so appreciated.



**1,727**  
Registered Families



**118**  
New Families



**963**  
Contributing Families



**8**  
Marriages



**35**  
Infant Baptisms



**29**  
Funerals



**550**  
Religious Education Students



**55**  
First Holy Communions



**101**  
Confirmations

# Religious Education

## HOLY SPIRIT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM MOVES "HOME" IN 2021 WITH CLASSES HELD AT HSCC

During 2021-22 Holy Spirit's Religious Education Program, Grades 1-9 enrolled 550 students. There were 40 catechists who attended catechist trainings, received grade level lesson plans, and developed more resources to help catechize the children and teens. For the first time since our parish was established, RE Classes were held in-person at HSCC on Sunday.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist were celebrated by 55 children and 101 candidates were confirmed by Abbot Austin.



### Here are some highlights of our year:

- RE Kickoff Mass followed by the Church Picnic
- PLARN-making mats for the homeless using recycled plastic bags
- 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat indoors
- Advent Event: "Hear the Angels Sing" with a live nativity and a craft using recycled Gather song books.
- Bread to Share Event: Holy Spirit Families making bread for Hesus House
- Random Acts of Kindness Event: Spiritual bouquets, appreciation cards for First Responders and Staff, along with Book Bags made from recycled t-shirts
- Lenten Event: "Rooted in Jesus" with a peace lily aquarium craft along with learning about the early Christian meaning of Ichthys Symbol and Stations of the Cross.
- RE Closing Mass to end the year with popsicles for the kids



# Music Ministry

## PROMOTING PRAYER THROUGH SONG

The Music Ministry team was pleased to again welcome and encourage our parish to praise God through song and music.

Our Adult Choir returned to in-person rehearsals and singing at Mass! At Christmas masses we added a string ensemble and enjoyed an hour of carols led by the Choir before the 10 PM mass.

Holy Week this year included the Tenebrae service featuring music meditations led by the Choir as well as Holy Thursday and Good Friday masses.

Easter Vigil was highlighted again by the addition of our string ensemble and Easter morning masses proclaimed the Resurrection with a Brass Quartet, Strings and Choir.

We have added several cantors and are growing our Adult Choir. In addition, we are establishing our Youth Choir and will be adding more volunteer and professional musicians for significant liturgies to celebrate our Jubilee Year.

We have also scheduled concerts by composer Rory Cooney and the Notre Dame Folk Choir. Through everything our work begins and ends with placing emphasis each and every mass on the quality of music selections and preparation so as to glorify God to our fullest through Music.



## 1st Annual Picnic



# Adult Faith Formation

## 2021 - 2022: A HYBRID YEAR WITH VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON

The 2021-2022 year found the programs coming off of ZOOM programs and back to in-person. Some people still needed the safety and security of ZOOM programming.

Two Bible Studies took place on ZOOM – The Great Adventure Bible Timeline and The Case for Jesus

In-person programming included:

- 60 participants for “Psalms”
- 85 participants for “Jesus – The Way, The Truth, The Life”
- 30 participants for “The Chosen -Season 2”
- 55 participants for a book study on “Return” – How to draw your child back to church
- 20 participants in an Advent morning of prayer experience
- 10 participants in Summer Movement Prayer
- 6 leadership people participated in Monday morning Lectio and Planning sessions



Baptism preparation stayed on ZOOM with parents of unvaccinated babies/children finding it a convenient way to attend sessions. The sessions were well attended even when the parents had to attend from two locations.

Marriage preparation moved back to in-person and the depth of conversation for these couples was greatly enhanced by meeting face to face.

R.C.I.A – was blessed to assist one young man to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation before he was married at our Church. Several previous RCIA candidates along with two Catholics made up a team which used the Bishop Barron resource “The Creed.”



# Adult Faith Formation Ministries

## Special Thanks

Safe Environment programs continue to be offered on-line and records are kept electronically which makes for a more secure and efficient data system. The parish continues to stay in compliance.

Many, many liturgical events were added to the parish calendar or greatly enhanced including:

- Bells – Welcoming people to Mass and Sending them forth to love and serve the Lord and each other.
- Stations of the Cross – Wall Stations were added to the worship space. Stations were prayed every Friday at 7pm and every Sunday following the 11am Mass during Lent.
- St. Joseph's Mass, Procession and Celebration
- Tenebrae added to the Lenten schedule
- Holy Water in the Baptismal Font returned!
- Corpus Christi Procession around the Church property
- Assumption and the Dedication of the Mary Statue and Prayer Space
- All Souls Mass of Remembrance – for the faithful departed and all the other losses the people of the parish experienced the past year.



# Thank You



### Mass Coordinators

Lorrie Adamson  
Todd Bertulis  
Bernadette Beyer  
Christin Fairchild  
Kathy Hohnstedt  
Jef freyHorwath  
Kevin Kappra  
James Krzmarzick  
Tony Maviglia  
Matthew Moore  
Deborah Newson  
Stephen Sherwin  
Brian Watts  
Kathy West

### Greeter Team

**Coordinator**  
Matt Moore

### Weekday Sacristans

Bill Blong  
Tom Elengical

### Bible Study

Chelly Benzinger  
Gina Farnum  
Chanda Ladaga  
Theresa Long

### That Man Is You

John Machak

### Sacred Linens

Deb Newson

### Art & Environment

Kevin Kappra

### Wedding Hostesses

Connie Flagg  
Laura Hill  
JoAnn Power  
Cathy Bunce

# Serving Our Community



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #15037

### LEADS A BROAD VARIETY OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES

The Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus supported 29 service programs from July 2021 through June 2022. Each program focused on either Holy Spirit Catholic Church or our community. These programs required 1,755 service hours from our Knights and raised \$51,494. None of this would be possible without the wonderful support from the Parishioners of Holy Spirit. Thank you for your monetary support and your prayers, together we had a good year. Grand Knight, Dean Hoffer



The mission of Holy Spirit Council #15037 is to support our church and parish, to serve the community, and to offer and grow a close fraternity of Catholic men. Membership is comprised of husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons in the parish and community. Parish families are welcome to participate in all events and initiatives.

Faith in Action is the Knights of Columbus Supreme message. As such, Holy Spirit Knights continue to focus on Faith, Family, Community, and Life by serving the church and community with a variety of programs.

Even with the limitations arising from the pandemic, the ministry was able to accomplish and support the following:

- Partnered with *EggCited* to provide hot breakfasts to **Hesed House** residents
- **Coats for Kids Program** for children in need
- **Vocation Drive** to support seminarians and novices
- **Mobile Food Truck Program** to distribute food
- **Blood Drive**
- **Supplies for Veterans**
- **Christmas Giving Tree** -the collection & distribution of gift cards and toys.



The Knights continue to support our priests, through leading and staffing the opening and closing of the church for Masses. The Knights are proud to be a vital part of Holy Spirit Catholic Community, and look forward to continually working with Father Smith and Father John to accomplish their goals for the parish.

PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST



# Serving Our Community

## OUR MINISTRIES

### Knights of Columbus

Dean Hoffer, Grand Knight

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

John Judd

### Men's Ministry

Guadalupe Alvarez

### Hesed House

Terri Keckler

### Stephen Ministry

Steve Sherwin

### Ministers of Care

Steve Boffa

### Seasoned Spirits

Donna Czajka

### Prayer Blanket Ministry

Laura Urban

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FORMS AN ALLIANCE TO EXPAND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

### MISSION AND IMPACT

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a world-wide Catholic lay organization that addresses the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. This is our mission statement: A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Holy Spirit's SVdP Society conference is in the business of changing lives and saving lives. With the generous support of our parishioners through outright cash gifts and gift cards at Christmas, in 2021 and YTD in 2022, we served:

- 64 Friends and families with \$18,301. Our help came in two forms:
- \$13,130 in cash support for rent, utilities, food, clothing, gasoline, and school supplies.
- \$5,180 in gift cards for gasoline, food, and clothing.



## OUR PARTNERS

Our conference partners with the St. Thomas the Apostle conference by teaming with its members on intake interviews, helping friends craft plans to address needs and financial support where needed. In addition, Holy Spirit is one of six parish conferences from the Joliet Diocese in the SW DuPage County District of SVdP (St. Elizabeth Seton, SS Peter and Paul, St. Thomas the Apostle, Our Lady of Mercy, and St. Raphael). Our collective impact in the United States and around the world is substantial:

- SVdP provided nearly \$1.3 billion in tangible and in-kind services
- served over 5.2 million people in need
- performed over two million service visits/contacts
- delivered almost 14 million service hours to those in need

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Our Holy Spirit SVdP teams work with other community agencies such as: Loaves & Fishes CARES, DuPage County, Will County, Naperville Police Social Services, NICOR, Naperville Township, Sharing Connections, Peoples Resource Center, food pantries, and many more.

Clothing through the clothing drive is made available for sale through e-sales and at the SVdP Thrift store at 1820 W. Jefferson, Joliet and stores in West Chicago, Addison, Morris and Bradley. Profits of sales support SVdP services throughout the diocese.

## SERVING THE HOMELESS AT HESED HOUSE

Holy Spirit Catholic Community is proud to be of service to the guests of Hesed House.

This facility provides shelter and food for approximately **170 homeless men and women nightly**. In addition to the main shelter, Hesed House provides separate shelter space for families. HSCC parishioners provided the requested food items needed to provide a hot dinner, as well as breakfast and lunches for the following day.

HSCC's small group ministries provided a hot dinner for approximately 30 people in the family shelter space. As the pandemic began to subside this past year, Hesed House's safety protocols welcomed HSCC parishioners back inside the shelter, allowing the food prep and service to take place on-site once again.

Approximately **50 HSCC parishioner volunteers** helped make this happen. Due to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to continue provision of approximately **2,800 meals throughout the year**.

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many."  
Mark 10:45*

## SEASONED SPIRITS PROMOTES CAMARADERIE

Season Spirits is our Senior Club for parishioners ages 55 plus. We share many activities: shows, dinners, game day. We meet on the first Sunday of the month after the 11:00 mass. This past Spring we had Sr. Karen Lanigan as a Guest Speaker. We provide Easter Baskets that we create for the children at Hesed House.



## PRAYER BLANKETS COVER THOSE IN NEED IN PRAYER

Prayer blankets are hand-crafted and created for those in the community in need of a reminder that they are covered in prayer. The blankets provide a reminder of hope, healing and thanksgiving. Fifteen blankets were personally made and shared with parishioners in need.

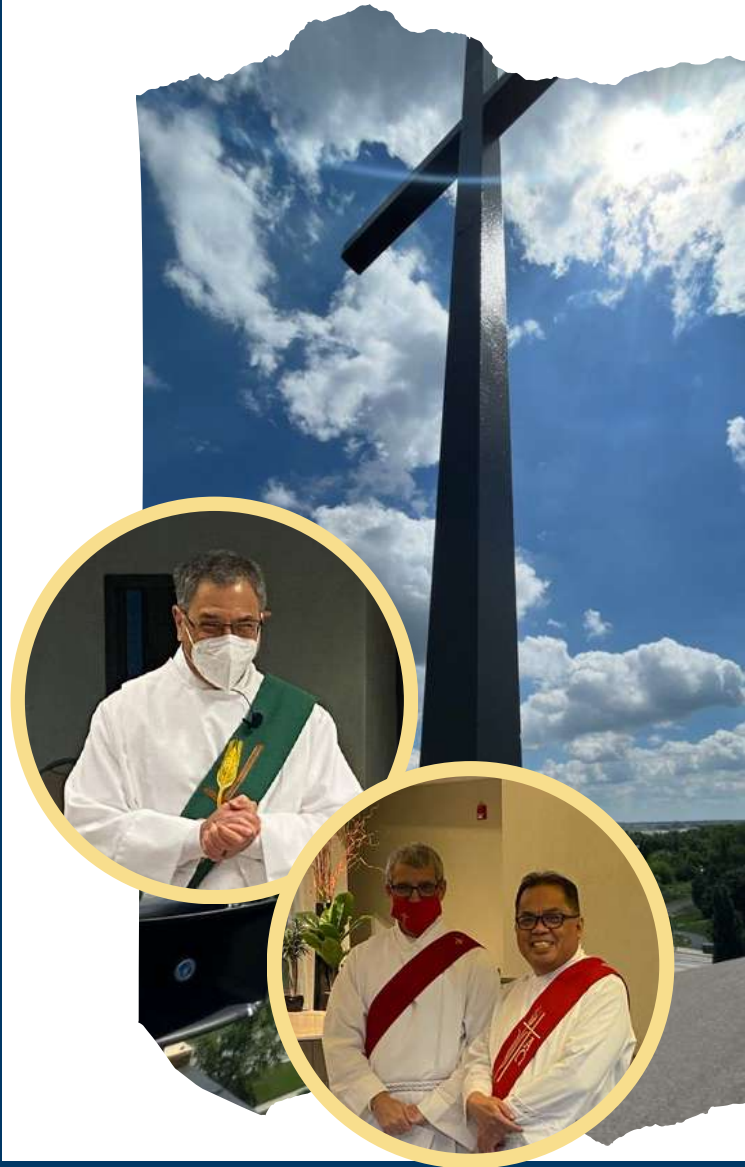


# Serving Our Community

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a listening ministry that provides a trained Stephen Minister to meet weekly with an individual who is suffering from emotional trauma. This trauma might be the result of the passing of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, anger with God, as well as many other types of life's difficulties. Stephen Ministers receive fifty hours of intense training to provide a listening ear and spiritual care to those in need of support. Stephen Ministers have provided care to literally hundreds of care receivers in our parish since 2004.

During the pandemic, our ministers were able to provide care, and follow COVID protocols, by using telephone and zoom technologies. In 2021 the ministry moved back to socially distanced, responsible in-person care. As we move into 2022, Stephen Ministry is preparing to provide a training class for parishioners who have a calling to join the ministry. Stephen Ministers continue to pray for all Holy Spirit Catholic Community parishioners and hope that if you are going through a time of difficulty, you will reach out to Stephen Ministry



## THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You returned to in-person Saturday morning sessions in 2021. The central theme was "All Things New" as the men of TMIY discussed how The Lord's mercy is unfailing in the midst of our shortcomings.

The walk of faith always takes us back to The Father. TMIY men participated in various service events to put their faith into action, including mobile food pantry and Hesed House opportunities and the Naperville Walk of Life procession with Bishop Hicks.

TMIY men also invested in their personal faith journeys through events such as the Bellarmine Retreat, the Great Lakes Catholic Mens Conference and Catholic Man Night through the Diocese of Joliet.



## REVENUE & EXPENSES - TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

	Fiscal Year 2022 Actual	Fiscal Year 2023 Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Sunday Collections	\$ 949,679	\$ 975,000
Christmas & Easter	87,104	86,000
Religious Education	126,180	108,009
Mortgage Contributions	38,101	37,000
Other Receipts	150,938	94,400
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,352,003</b>	<b>\$ 1,300,409</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Salaries	417,722	412,921
Employee Benefits	151,792	161,697
Repairs & Maintenance	138,527	125,200
Services	40,319	57,075
Liturgical & Office Expenses	123,776	216,817
Property Insurance	22,853	22,853
Utilities	67,016	66,890
Diocesan Assessment	65,880	58,312
Mortgage Interest	19,285	20,000
Support for All Saints Catholic Academy	31,000	30,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,078,171</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,765</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 273,832</b>	<b>\$ 128,644</b>
<b>Annual Gross Mortgage Payments (Note 1)</b>	<b>\$ 96,000</b>	<b>\$ 126,000</b>

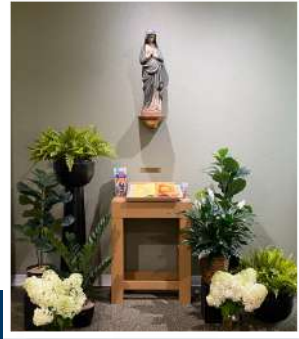
<b>Mortgage, Savings &amp; Building Fund</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>Savings</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>
Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2021	\$ 806,353	\$ 141,244	\$ 40,204
Mortgage Payments	(96,000)		
Mortgage Interest Expense	19,285		
Capital Fundraising			\$ 70,000
Interest Income		1,418	\$ 611
<b>Ending Balance as of June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 729,638</b>	<b>\$ 142,662</b>	<b>\$ 110,815</b>

Note 1: Due to the reduction in Sunday Offerings during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Diocese of Joliet accepted reduced mortgage payments 2020-Present. Prior to Covid-19, Holy Spirit's loan payment was \$18,175/Mo (\$218K annual). The budget for 2022/2023 includes a monthly mortgage payment of \$10,500 (\$126K annual) of which approx. \$1700/Mo is interest expense.

# Generous Donations



*Thank You*



# Gratious Volunteers



*Blessed!*