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Dear Parishioners,

It is with a grateful heart that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the universal Church. Our parish is not simply a local gathering spot; it is a living part of the Body of Christ, united with the Holy Father and Catholics worldwide in mission, prayer, and service.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick has challenged us to build a strong and vibrant parish community that will flourish well into the future — rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Our parish has responded generously to this call by nurturing discipleship, deepening faith formation, and reaching out with Christ's love to those in need.

Through your prayers, time, and generosity, we continue to grow as a parish family united in Christ's mission. We encourage you to explore the ministries our parish has to offer and consider joining us in this joyful work. Your gifts are truly needed and welcomed!

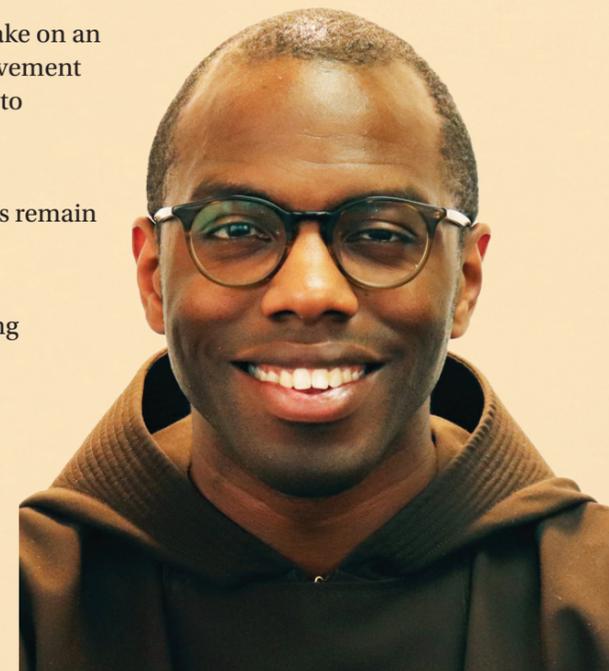
Looking ahead, we're truly thankful for your continued support as we take on an important project: replacing the original roof of our church. This improvement will help our parish remain a warm and inviting place for all who come to encounter God.

For your convenience, a Giving QR Code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings remain deeply appreciated as well.

Our parish is a blessing, not only to each other but also to the wider community and Church. Let us move forward together with thanksgiving in our hearts, confident that by strengthening our parish, we are answering the universal call to be a living witness of Christ's love in the world.

Peace and All Good,

Father Richard N. Owens, O.F.M. Cap., Pastor



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Annual Report 2025**



Our Shepherds

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church

Pope Leo XIV, elected in 2025 as the first American Pope, hails from Chicago. Before his election, he was Cardinal Robert Prevost. Known for his pastoral heart, theological clarity, and commitment to evangelization, Pope Leo brings a renewed focus to the vital role of the parish in the life of the universal Church. Pope Leo spent more than two decades in Peru, where he became a naturalized citizen and served as a missionary and Bishop. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, and also reads Latin and German.



The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., is the sixth Bishop of Greensburg, having been appointed by Pope Francis on December 18, 2020, and consecrated on February 11, 2021. He is the first native Bishop of the Diocese, hailing from Leechburg. His episcopal motto is *Christus est veritas* ("Christ is the truth"), reflecting his deep devotion to truth rooted in the Gospel. He is steadfastly committed to strengthening and nurturing our parishes, ensuring they remain vibrant centers of faith and service for generations to come.



Father Richard N. Owens, O.F.M. Cap., Pastor

Father Richard N. Owens is a native of Philadelphia and graduated from La Salle University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Catholic University of America. He joined the Capuchin Franciscans in 2006.



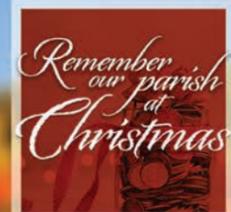
Father Jonathan Ulrick, O.F.M. Cap., Parochial Vicar

Father Jonathan Ulrick is a native of Grapevine, Texas, and spent eight years in banking before he began discerning his calling to the consecrated life. He was contacted by the Capuchins and, after visiting the province in 2006, decided to trust the Lord and join the order. He was ordained to the priesthood in June 2017.



Giving With Gratitude

This is our Giving QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, make your first gift, increase your weekly offertory, make a year-end gift, or donate in honor of or in memory of someone you love.



Or, visit our website to make a donation: SaintBernardParish.org and click on GIVING at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, 200 Clairvaux Drive, Indiana, PA 15701.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
2025: 919
2024: 931
2023: 938

Baptisms
2025: 11
2024: 24
2023: 14

First Holy Communions
15

Confirmations
9

Weddings
2025: 4
2024: 4
2023: 3

Funerals
2025: 26
2024: 27
2023: 33

Households that Give
449

Households that Don't Give
470

A Call to Serve

We truly need your help to serve our Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish family. Whether as servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, sacristans, catechists, or part of the Mercy Meals Ministry, your ministry brings Christ's light to our community.

Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office — we're here to guide you through every step, including the clearance process, so you can share your gifts confidently and joyfully.

Ministries in Action

Vocation Ministry

The Vocation Ministry exists to foster vocations to the priesthood, religious, and married life within our community. We desire to develop a culture in our parish where people are assessing what God wants them to do with their life. The ministry's goals and objectives are to help our parish families raise Catholic children so that the groundwork can be laid for vocations to marriage, priesthood, and consecrated life, and to encourage parishioners to make praying for vocations a part of their daily prayer life.

Prayer is the most important foundation of our work to promote vocations. We ask that you make vocations to the priesthood and religious life part of your private prayer every day. For more information, please contact the parish office at 724-465-2210.

Hospitality Ministry

After the ministries of word and sacrament, hospitality is one of the most important ministries in the Church. Hospitality is not simply or primarily about serving cookies or meals at parish gatherings. Nor is hospitality the responsibility of only a few people. It involves everyone in one way or another.

Mercy Meals are provided for families who experience the death of a loved one. Parishioners donate their time to this ministry to serve these meals. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, contact the parish office for more details.

Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 667,511	\$ 615,797	\$ 588,407
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	9,341	10,861	13,207
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	198,345	90,942	100,436
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	21,209	66,988	26,568
Other Non-Assessable Income * <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	110,713	158,504	76,541
	26,054	62,286	27,625
Total Income	\$ 1,033,173	\$ 1,005,378	\$ 832,784
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 135,256	\$ 167,046	\$ 127,826
Church	106,034	97,595	111,468
Rector's Office	25,617	22,845	43,532
Education and Ministry	119,519	118,218	112,752
General Expenses	304,613	293,193	266,558
Special Collections	27,484	60,956	28,244
Extraordinary Expenses **	331,398	239,481	201,973
Total Expenditures	1,049,921	999,334	892,353
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (16,748)	\$ 6,044	\$ (59,569)

* Non-Assessable Income includes \$49,700 transferred from Catholic Institute Savings for church projects.
** Extraordinary Expenses includes Endowment Interest earned and Bequests received, that were transferred to Catholic Institute savings account.