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FOR CHILDREN:

BERNADETTE: THE PRINCESS OF LOURDES is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "It's February 11, 1858. Three girls from Lourdes, France, gather firewood in front of a grotto. Suddenly one of them, Bernadette Soubirous, 14, drops to her knees, gazes ecstatically at something beautiful that only she can see, and starts to pray. Soon the town buzzes: Has Bernadette, poor, sickly, and always behind in school, really seen a Lady from heaven? Then a spring bubbles up from nowhere and withered arms and sightless eyes are cured. At last, the Lady tells Bernadette her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes is the exciting true story of a visit by the Queen of Heaven that left the entire world a source of health for body and soul."

ST. JOAN OF ARC: A STORY OF COURAGE AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "From a simple childhood in the fields of France, a young girl called by God to the impossible leads the French army to victory. In this episode of 'God's Princesses', the ever-joyful Sr. Imelda tells the incredible story of the well-loved St. Joan of Arc. 'God's Princesses' is a new series from the creators of Brother Francis, with fun, faith-filled stories that remind all young Catholic girls that they, too, are part of God's Royal Household!"

FOR ADULTS:

BERNADETTE is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "From Jean Delannoy, one of France's foremost filmmakers, comes this top quality feature film production of the story of St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. Actress Sydney Penny gives a beautiful performance as Bernadette, and the rest of the cast is equally superb. Also stars Roland Lesaffre and Michele Simonnet. It is highly recommended by the Vatican as a 'sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience.' Shot on location in France with outstanding cinematography and a beautiful music score, this is the film that was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes."

JOAN OF ARC is on FORMED ~ According to FORMED: "Although she died at nineteen in 1431, her legend is stronger than ever five hundred years later. Leelee Sobieski shines as the legendary warrior and saint, Joan of Arc, who, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed. Supported by an all-star cast, with glorious cinematography, music score, and stunning scenery, Joan of Arc is a riveting epic film of faith, inspiration, triumph, and tears. Born to a peasant French family, Joan hears the voices of saints calling out to her to unite her besieged nation. Gaining an audience with the young French king, Joan convinces him that God is calling her to command an army into battle to save France. It becomes an incredible adventure that leads to thrilling victories and heartbreaking betrayals - as Joan of Arc defies all odds and marches into history. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children."

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OLM website: www.olmcarrollton.org

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"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDIANARY TIME-EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2025

(Please note that Masses in italic print are at St. Mary's; a cross before the name indicates deceased.)

Saturday, Jan. 18	4:30 PM	OLM	+Emil Pozderac by Jim & Ruth Birong
Sunday, Jan. 19	8:30 AM	OLM	People of the Parish
Sunday, Jan. 19	11:00 AM	SM	+John Miday by Teresa Long
Tuesday, Jan. 21	7:00 PM	OLM	+Jay Burrell by Jack & Mary Sowko
Wednesday, Jan. 22	9:00 AM	SM	+John Lennon by Allan & Suzanne Tozzi
Thursday, Jan. 23	8:30 AM	OLM	Barbie Wiebke by Her Family
Friday, Jan. 24	8:30 AM	OLM	Lisa Hanena by Thomas Meagher
Saturday, Jan. 25	4:30 pm	OLM	+Marc D. Lightell by The Lightell Family
Sunday, Jan. 26	8:30 AM	OLM	+Ronnie Hissner by Will & Dru Hoyt
Sunday, Jan. 26	11:00 AM	SM	People of the Parish

Confessions: Tuesday 7:45-9:00 pm; Friday 3:00-4:00 pm; Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment*** ***St. Mary Confessions: Sunday before Mass by request or by appointment***

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	19	10:00 AM Going with Faith-OLM Conference Room 10:00 AM PSR-OLM Hall 10:00 AM PSR Preschool-OLM Hall
Mon	20	
Tue	21	7:45 PM-9:00 PM Confessions-OLM Church
Wed	22	6:30 PM St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting-St. Mary's Hall 7:00 PM K of C Meeting-OLM Conference Room
Thur	23	
Fri	24	8:00 AM Rosary before Mass-OLM Church 9:15 AM Adoration-OLM Church 3:00 PM Confessions-OLM Church 6:45 PM Benediction-OLM Church
Sat	25	9:00 AM OLM Cemetery Meeting-OLM Conference Room 10:00 AM Philosophy Book Club-OLM Conference Room

3:30 PM Confession-OLM Church

Sun	26	10:00 AM Going with Faith Group-OLM Con-
		ference Room
		6:30 DTS Youth Group-St. Mary's Church/Hall

Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of January 12, 2025

Adult \$1,846.00 Loose \$158.00 Christmas \$20.00 Solemnity of Mary \$10.00 SVDP \$190.00 Candles \$48.36 Church in Latin America \$5.00 Building Fund \$2,125.00 New Rectory \$100.00

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Stewardship Week of January 12, 2025

Adult \$701.00 Loose \$215.35 Women's Club \$11.00 Helping Hands \$30.00 DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY ~ Our next meeting of the Dead Theologians Society will be on, Sunday, January 26, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Mary's (Morges). All high school youth (grades 9-12) are welcome to join us to hang out with other young Catholics, learn about Saint Thomas Aquinas, and spend some time in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Shockey at 330-312-6074. Chrissy Breedlove

OCIA PRAYER MEETING ~ We will be having a Prayer Meeting with our OCIA participants on Sunday, February 2, from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm at OLM Church. The prayer meeting will consist of a 30-minute talk on Lectio Devina by Father Jonas and 30 minutes spent in Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome to join us. Chrissy Breedlove

WELCOME ~ Our Lady of Mercy would like to welcome the Friend family from Jewett.

CONGRATULATIONS ~ Our Lady of Mercy would like to congratulate the Friend family on the Baptism of their daughter Edelyn Rose on Saturday, January 11.

PARISH LIBRARY ~ As a gentle reminder, when borrowing materials from the parish library please sign each item out when borrowing and sign each item in when returning. Not only is it important to keep track of the items that have been invested in, but it also creates a record of interest in categories, authors, and titles. Consideration regarding the future inclusion of new material will be based on past/present parishioner interest. As always, please feel free to write your recommendations via the suggestions box. Thank you! Jessica Olenick

LOST & FOUND ~ Within the library you'll find a bin reserved for OLM's unclaimed personal belongings. Each January and July all items that remain unclaimed get donated, to free up space. As a reminder, the contents stored within the lost and found bin will be donated by the end of this month. Jessica Olenick

K of C ~ K of C Monthly Business meeting will be



Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm at OLM in the Conference Room.

BABY SHOWER ~ Thank you to everyone who participated in spiritually adopting a child this year! In celebration of these lives, we are having a "baby shower" on January 19 after Mass. Please bring in gifts of diapers (any size), wipes, blankets, or any new or very gently used baby items; you can bring them anytime now through 1/19. These items will be donated to help vulnerable infants and/or families facing a crisis pregnancy within Carroll County.

cutest Baby contest ~ Our Lady of Carroll County Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Cutest Baby Contest that will run until April 11th. Pictures will be displayed in the narthex and at church functions. The baby with the most donations will be crowned Cutest Baby 2025 and will win \$250.00! Donations will be used for the charitable works of the Knights. Please send digital photos to steven.pridemore@gmail.com or you can put your baby up on the board using the tacks on the table. Babies can be children or grandchildren of church members. Vote early and often to help the cutest baby win!

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~ The Annual Contribution Statements are in alphabetical order on the table in the Narthex.

ADORNMENT PICK-UP ~ Even if you didn't contribute to the Adornment Project you may have a star someone donated in your name. Please check the table in the Narthex. Also thank you to Kevin and Jan for making the cards possible. Fr. Jonas Shell

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OLM GREETERS~ The Rodgers Family this week and the Sprague Family next week.

Happy Birthday OLM ~ Violet Brown 1/20; Susan Haas 1/20; Richard Clemens 1/21; Mandal Haas 1/23; Abigail Wolfe 1/24; Happy Birthday SM ~ Philip Oprean 1/20

Happy Anniversary OLM & SM ~ to all those celebrating in January.

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized or we have removed a name that should not have been, please inform the parish office.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Needs

Harold Wolbert, Shelbia Otte, Anthony Tozzi, Dan Grossi Family

Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Needs

Vicky Oboy, Rose Rombough, Anna Schiavone, Jack Sowko, Zach Oboy, Shirley Dale, Kristine Stenger, Scott Kazer, Tom Brantch Chris Rombough, Dave McKarns, Ida Carver, J. C. Birong, Nancy Bauer, Tom Bouquet, Cam Lanka, Joe MacAdam, Kathie Long



SUNDAY HOMILIES ~ Don't forget that if you would like to listen to or send others the homilies from **Sunday Mass**, they can be accessed on **soundcloud.com**. On the website, search **FoJo**, Fr. Jonas' user name. Look for the picture of Jesus giving communion at the Last Supper to verify you are at the right place. You can also go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ olmcarrollton/ or the website at olmcarrollton.org to hear his homilies.

sunday of the Word of GoD ~ According to the USCCB: "In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, 'Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world' (aperuit illus, no. 2). On January 26, 2025, in observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a 'Sunday Seminar Series' of six videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature some of the bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions. The videos will be made available on January 24, 2025 at: https://catholic.bible/Sunday-of-the-word-of-god/. Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. May God's people be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way."

AROUND AND ABOUT

SAINT PAUL CENTER'S EVENT ~ The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology will be hosting an event with Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. John Bergsma on **January 25th at St. Ferdinand Church in Cranberry Township, PA**. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

A CATHOLIC INFERTILITY MINISTRY RETREAT ~ The Arise Catholic Infertility Ministry, along with the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life of the Diocese of Steubenville, are partnering with Springs in the Desert to support couples carrying the cross of infertility with a half-day retreat on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2-8 pm at the Christ the Teacher Building on the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Come with your spouse or on your own to be supported, hear inspiring reflections, have opportunities for group sharing, and experience friendship with others on this same path. In addition to our talks, our retreat will include time for prayer in adoration, as well as praise and worship, an optional art walk, and dinner. We will also have vendors available for you to peruse during breaks. A more detailed schedule will be provided as we get closer to the retreat. Registration is open at https://diosteub.givecloud.com/infertility-retreat. Registration deadline is January 31, 2025. Please contact Bernadette at bmrjuliano@gmail.com and Meg at mreister@franciscan.edu with any questions.

Help Restore Hope for North Carolina Flood Victims

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The devastating floods in North Carolina have left countless families without homes, struggling to rebuild their lives. Many are still staying in tents and have given up hope for any help. With the wildfires in California, the government is being stretched to the maximum. Amid this tragedy, Glenn Norris and his son, Chris, compassionate Christian locals, have stepped up with a powerful vision: to purchase, restore, and deliver trailers to provide safe shelter for families who have lost everything.

Among those in need is Maria, a single mother of two who was displaced after her home was destroyed. The thought of providing her children with a warm, secure place to sleep is now within reach—if we act together.

Your donation will directly support this heartfelt effort. Funds raised will go toward:

- -Purchasing trailers to house families.
- -Restoring and furnishing them to ensure comfort and safety.
- -Delivering these trailers to families in need, offering them a fresh start.

Every dollar makes a difference. By contributing to this cause, you're not just providing shelter—you're restoring hope and dignity to those who need it most.

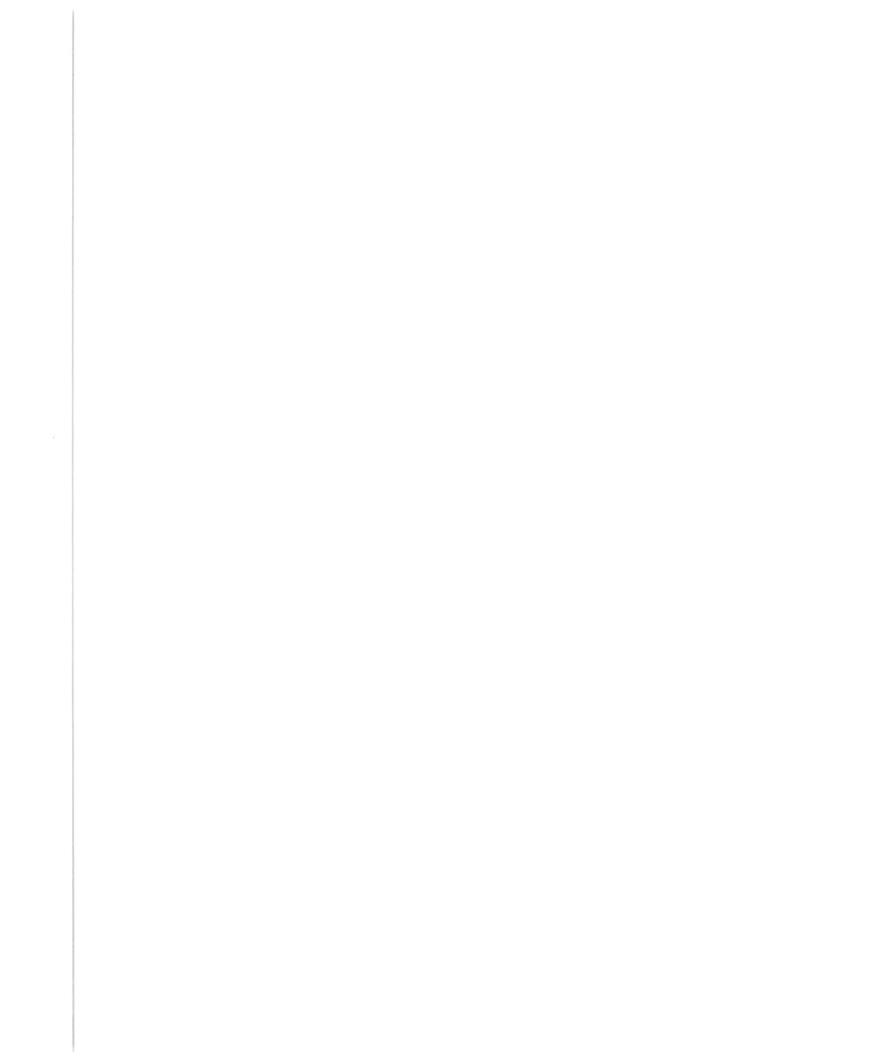
Please help us reach out to these families who have lost all their possessions along with their jobs and bring relief to families like Maria's.

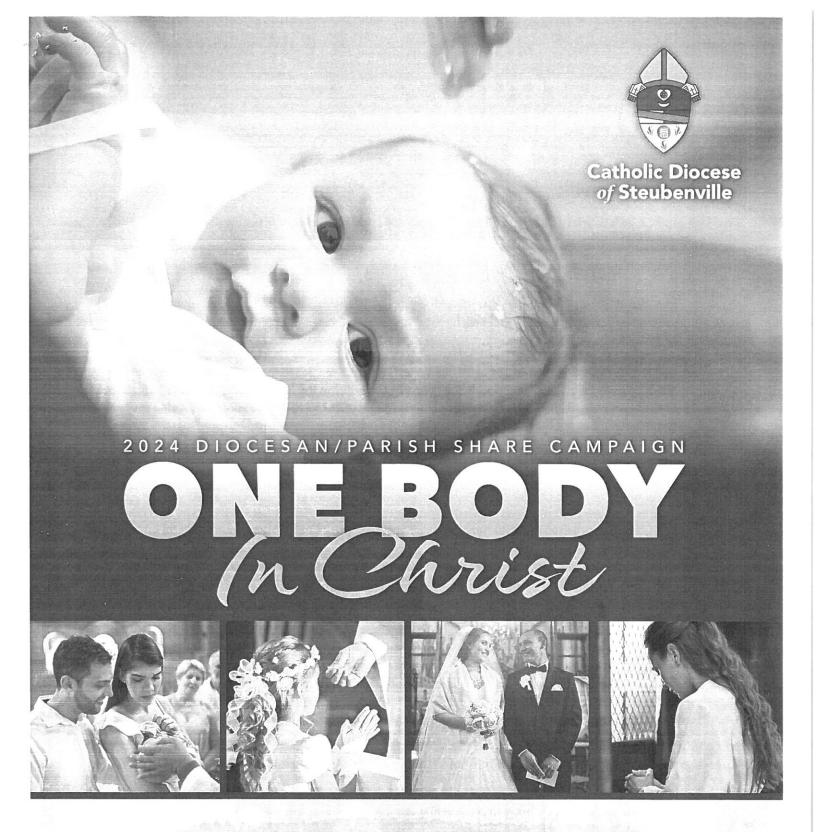
Please make your checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy with "North Carolina Relief" on the memo line of your check or on the envelope. You may place your donations in the collection basket. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the Going with Faith group after 8:30 AM Mass on Sundays. The Going with Faith Group will be accepting donations through Sunday, February 16, 2025.

Thank you for standing with us and making a tangible impact on the lives of North Carolina flood victims. Together, we can turn devastation into hope.

Yours in Christ,

The Going with Faith Group





"One Lord, one faith, one baptism."
- EPHESIANS 4:5

2024 IMPACT REPORT

YOUR SUPPORT TRULY Made a Difference! May God bless you for your gracious generosity and faith!



Greetings in the Lord Jesus! Now that we have concluded the 2024 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign, I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for the love and generous support you have shown for your diocese and for your parish.

God is truly at work in the Diocese of Steubenville. This is evident through the life-giving ministries and services that have been made possible thanks to the collective generosity of the faithful. Your gifts have helped make Christ's love present, providing hope and healing throughout our 13 counties and strengthening your parish community to live out the mission entrusted to us by Christ.

A highlight of 2024 was our participation in the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, which brought the beauty and richness of our faith into a visible and profound display. In June, our diocese was privileged to host one of the pilgrim routes where over 700 of the faithful joined in adoration and procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

Last October also marked the **80th anniversary of the founding of our diocese**. In honor of this occasion, we celebrated Holy Mass and presented the Caritas Medal, an award inaugurated by Bishop Mussio which recognizes exemplary service and commitment to the Church and community. Four deserving members of our diocese were honored this year, and their lives are a testament to the spirit of generosity and faithfulness that has shaped our diocese for eight decades.

In addition, we are blessed to have **10 seminarians in formation**. This being the highest number in twenty years, it is a joyful sign of God's work among us and a hopeful promise for the future of our Church. Our Catholic schools have also experienced growth, with a **7% increase in enrollment this year**. This increase is a powerful witness to the enduring value of Catholic education and the faith-filled formation it provides.

Finally, 2024 saw a **significant expansion in our Catholic Charities services.** We are particularly blessed now to offer counseling services which provide crucial support for individuals and families who are seeking guidance, healing, and hope.

Together, we are building up the body of Christ in southeastern Ohio. Thank you for your faithful response to the Lord's call and your shared trust in His providence.

To all who entrusted us with your prayer intentions, know that we have remembered you and your intentions throughout the year. As we begin a new year, let us continue to draw close to Christ and to one another. May God bless you and your families.

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Sincerely in the Lord,

+ Edward M. Luhse

The Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse, JCD Apostolic Administrator

The Diocese of Steubenville

13 Counties of Southeastern Ohio **5,913** Square Miles **50** Parishes

2 Missions 8 Elementary Schools 2 High Schools

Education & Faith Formation

1,587 Catholic School Students
733 Children in a Parish School of Religion
350 First Communions
231 Child Confirmations
150 Adult Confirmations

Safe Environment

1287+ Adults completed Safe Environment training 847+ Background checks completed

The Families We Serve

481,411 Population **28,339** Catholics

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

700+ People adored Jesus during the stop in our Diocese

Catholic Charities

Supporting **5** food pantries across the Diocese

Communications

11,000+ Households receiving
The Steubenville Register
biweekly
4,500+ Followers on Facebook

The Ministers of the Gospel

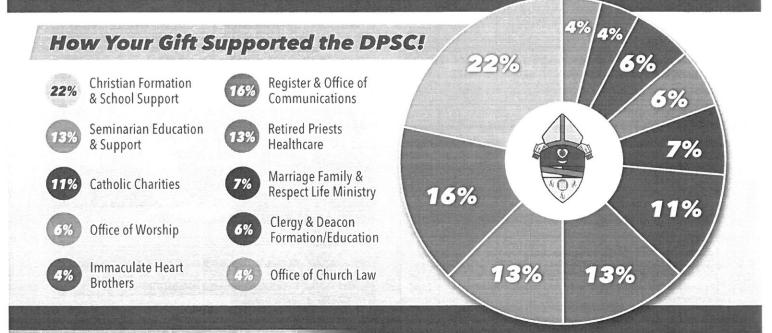
34 Active Priests
17 Deacons
30 Retired Priests
10 Seminarians
1 Man in Aspirancy Stage of Diaconate Formation

Marriage and Family

96 Couples participated in our marriage anniversary Masses
70 People participated in the Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost children

Marriage Tribunal

40 people served through the annulment process





Father Peter Afoenyem, originally from the Diocese of Buéa, Cameroon, who was attending Franciscan University of Steubenville, chose to remain in the Diocese of Steubenville because of the vibrant faith he witnessed in our communities. Reflecting on his experiences, he shared, "Our parishes are filled with faith-filled people." He emphasized that where he has celebrated Mass "The parishes are packed." This deep commitment to the faith and the strong sense of community throughout the diocese inspired him to continue serving in this region. Thanks to your contributions, the DPSC is supporting Father Peter's immigration process so that he may help meet the needs of the people of God

in our diocese. He currently serves as parochial vicar at St. Ann, Chesapeake; St. Joseph, Ironton; St. Lawrence O'Toole, Ironton; and St. Mary, Pine Grove.

PARISH NAME	GOAL	AMOUNT RECEIVED	% OF GOAL	
Adena, St. Casimir Church	14,669	14,473	99%	
*Amsterdam, St. Joseph Church	12,548	12,548	100%	
*Athens, Christ the King University Parish	33,064	38,809	117%	
*Athens, St. Paul Church	29,503	44,430	151%	
*Barnesville, Assumption of the BVM Church	37,400	51,640	138%	
*Bellaire, St. John Church	36,097	37,567	104%	
*Belle Valley, Corpus Christi Church	7,897	10,230	130%	
*Beverly, St. Bernard Church	37,946	109,828	289%	
*Bridgeport, St. Anthony Church	13,932	25,052	180%	
*Bridgeport, St. Joseph Church	25,116	32,590	130%	
*Cadiz, St. Teresa Church	14,646	14,762	101%	
*Caldwell, St. Stephen Church	35,758	35,620	100%	
*Cambridge, Christ Our Light Parish	76,655	76,000	99%	
*Carlisle, St. Michael Church	9,413	11,045	117%	
*Carrollton, Our Lady Of Mercy Church	24,140	30,162	125%	
*Chesapeake, St. Ann Church	21,854	23,710	108%	
*Churchtown, St. John Church	43,048	82,188	191%	
*Colerain, St. Frances Cabrini Church	23,594	33,795	143%	
*Dillonvale, St. Adalbert Church	19,451	19,890	102%	
*Freeport, St. Matthias Mission	4,928	5,285	107%	
*Fulda, Immaculate Conception Church	17,187	28,310	165%	
Gallipolis, St. Louis Church	35,608	21,460	60%	
*Glouster, Holy Cross Church	7,904	11,585	147%	
*Harriettsville, St. Henry Church	10,311	12,130	118%	
*Hopedale, Sacred Heart Church	10,078	10,910	108%	
*Ironton, St. Joseph Church	37,074	83,626	226%	
*Ironton, St. Lawrence Church	22,365	77,840	348%	
*Little Hocking, St. Ambrose Church	48,421	142,448	294%	
*Lowell, Our Lady of Mercy Church	21,074	43,900	208%	
*Malvern, St. Francis Xavier Church	27,341	38,571	141%	
*Marietta, St. Mary Basilica	122,274	126,706	104%	
*Martins Ferry, St. Mary Church	25,523	39,040	153%	
*Mcconnelsville, St. James Church	11,721	80,571	687%	
*Miltonsburg, St. John Church	15,799	16,299	103%	

PARISH NAME	GOAL	AMOUNT RECEIVED	% OF GOAL
*Minerva, St. Gabriel Church	27,341	36,420	133%
*Mingo Junction, St. Agnes Church	33,457	43,724	131%
*Morges, St. Mary Church	9,054	13,590	150%
*Pine Grove, St. Mary Mission	4,591	8,635	188%
*Pomeroy, Sacred Heart Church	20,597	21,810	106%
*Richmond, St. John Fisher Church	7,402	11,660	158%
*Shadyside, St. Mary Church	19,038	20,485	108%
*St. Clairsville, St. Mary Church	101,202	119,500	118%
*Steubenville, Holy Family Church	57,088	63,166	111%
Steubenville, St. Peter Church	58,932	54,752	93%
*Steubenville, Triumph of the Cross Parish	76,900	97,355	127%
*Temperanceville, St. Mary Church	6,969	7,180	103%
*Tiltonsville, St. Joseph Church	17,824	29,565	166%
*Toronto, St. Francis Church	21,863	32,276	148%
*Toronto, St. Joseph Church	11,443	18,275	160%
*Wintersville, Blessed Sacrament Church	51,208	83,397	163%
*Wintersville, Our Lady Of Lourdes Church	12,444	15,710	126%
Woodsfield, St. Sylvester Church	28,308	14,445	51%

GRAND TOTAL ALL DEANERIES:	GOAL	AMOUNT RECEIVED	% OF GOAL
(including parish rebates)	1,500,000	2,134,962	142%
*This parish has met their go goal is returned to the parish	al. All revenue	received above	the
TOTAL PARISH REBATES ISSUED TO DATE:		668,143	

OTALS FOR DIOCESAN	GOAL	AMOUNT	% OF
GOAL <u>AFTER</u> PARISH		RECEIVED	GOAL
EBATES:	1,500,000	1,466,819	98%

As of January 9, 2025



2024 DPSC Goal: \$1,500,000 **Total Raised:** \$ 2,134,962 **Donors:** 3,463

