



SACRED HEART PARISH

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Dear Sacred Heart and St. Hedwig Parishioners:

I present the Annual Financial Report for Sacred Heart Parish and St. Hedwig Chapel after the close of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This report was compiled, reviewed, and approved by the members of the Parish Financial Council listed below, and the Accounting Office. I am grateful for their expertise and counsel.

Please remember that Sacred Heart Parish receives all income and pays all expenses for both sites. The report, covering the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, with a comparison to last Fiscal Year, shows a loss/deficit for Sacred Heart Parish. The deficit is a result of declining attendance, revenues and increasing expenses for the maintenance and care of all the facilities here and at St. Hedwig Parish. I am in the process of requesting the official closure and the permission to sell the property of Saint Hedwig Parish.

	2022-2023	Sacred Heart 2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025
Income	\$196,751	\$196,977	\$245,378
Expenses	\$256,551	\$273,258	\$327,392
Profit (Loss)	\$(59,800)	\$(76,281)	\$(82,014)

	2022-2023	St. Hedwig 2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025
Income	\$77,042	\$48,401	N/A
Expenses	\$119,202	\$47,511	N/A
Profit (Loss)	\$(42,160)	\$890	N/A

Parish Statistics: The Annual Pastoral Report for 2023 showed that Sacred Heart Parish had 220 registered households, 403 members (224 inactive members), with 179 actively contributing. St. Hedwig had 94 registered households and 117 members (62 inactive members) with 55 actively contributing members. Recall that the last Mass was celebrated at St. Hedwig Church on December 31, 2023.

The October Count from last year (for 4pm & 7:30am at SH; 9:15am at St. Hedwig's) indicated about 782 parishioners came to Mass at both churches (see chart). Only a small number of parishioners used their Church envelopes for their weekly contributions compared to the total number of active parishioners.

	Saturday 4:00	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM
Week 1	70	60	24
Week 2	67	46	25
Week 3	72	48	30
Week 4	83	48	34
Week 5	102	44	29
TOTALS			
	394	246	142

Our Sunday envelope count averages 40 envelopes per week, and an average of 3 weekly and 4 monthly for eGiving. These numbers show that a small number of parishioners are carrying the burden. We have many inactive parishioners who do not contribute for the good of the parish. This is not a healthy formula for fiscal stability. It is important for all of us to know that based on current Sunday collections and attendance alone, Sacred Heart Parish continues to operate at a loss. This is not sustainable as responsible stewards. We are drawing down our reserves to meet payroll, pay bills and maintain all the facilities. Given this downward direction, we will run out of funds in two years.

The only way to reverse this downward trend is to invite our neighbors who are currently inactive back to Church, so that they can become more active in the practice of their faith for a stronger faith community. **Secondly**, invite and welcome those new individuals and families who are moving into the community to join us. **Finally**, all of us need to consistently use your Church Envelopes or use eGiving, and to prayerfully consider increasing your weekly contributions by \$10 or more, given your means. We need to act now.

You are welcome to contact any member of the Parish Financial Council with any questions. Once again, thank you for your faithful and generous support. The complete report is available on Sacred Heart Parish website: <https://www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net>.

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