



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 2022-2023. This report was compiled, reviewed, and approved by our Parish Business Manager and the members of the Parish Financial Council listed below. 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, 2022, to June 30, 2023, with a comparison to last Fiscal Year, shows a loss/deficit for both Sacred Heart Parish and St. Hedwig Chapel. The deficit is a result of declining attendance and revenues and increasing costs for general operational costs and for the maintenance of the facilities.

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	2021-2022	2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024
Income	\$197,000.00	\$196,751.00	\$195,000.00
Expenses	\$246,731.00	\$256,551.00	\$253,000.00
Profit (Loss)	\$(49,731.00)	\$(59,800.00)	\$(58,000.00)

	ST. HEDWIG		
	2021-2022	2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024
Income	\$82,228.00	\$77,042.00	\$80,000.00
Expenses	\$99,742.00	\$119,202.00	\$102,000.00
Profit (Loss)	\$(17,514.00)	\$(42,160.00)	\$(22,000.00)

Parish Statistics: The Annual Pastoral Report for 2022 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.

The October Count from last year (for 4pm & 7:30am at SH; 9:15am at St. H) indicated about 782 parishioners came to Mass at both churches. However, only a small number used their Church envelopes for their weekly contributions compared to the total number of active parishioners. The attached chart for 2019-2022 shows a decline in attendance. During COVID in 2020 no attendance was taken.

	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

COMBINED TOTAL 5 WEEKS 782

The drop in attendance is reflected in the drop in overall contributions. The faithful parishioners of St. Hedwig Chapel, as of 2023 October count average about 28-30 people per the one Mass each Sunday, are very spirited and dedicated in their very generous support of their Church through the years. Despite their best efforts, with no working boiler, and with increased costs to maintain these facilities, it is no longer sustainable for the people of Saint Hedwig Chapel. Sadly, but realistically, I have written to Archbishop Perez and recommended that St. Hedwig Chapel be officially closed at the end of this calendar year.

At Sacred Heart Parish, we have had to draw funds from the reserves to meet payroll and pay bills on time. If this downward direction continues, we will run out of funds in three years. To reverse this trend, we need to encourage inactive members to come back to church every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and to consistently use their Church Offering Envelopes or eGiving. In fact, everyone needs to consider increasing their weekly contributions by \$10 or more, given their means.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Parish Financial Council to help address your questions. Once again, thank you for your faithful and generous support to Sacred Heart Parish and St. Hedwig Chapel. The complete report is available on Sacred Heart Parish website: <https://www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net>.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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