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“SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION

MAKING YOUR COMMITMENT

Fill out the enclosed Stewardship Form and return to the office

— OR —

Scan this QR code to fill out your Form online.



In the First Letter of St. Peter, the apostle says,

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Pt 4:10)



Indeed, everything we have, our lives, our individual talents, skills and attributes and any material blessings we have received are all gifts of God’s varied graces. **So, As We Have Received, We Give!** Derived from the Scripture verse above, this is the theme for this year’s Stewardship Appeal.

Since its founding in 1991, the Church of the Ascension has become the spiritual home to tens of thousands of Catholics and has embraced the **Spirituality of Stewardship** and asks parishioners to make **stewardship a way of life**.

FULFILLING YOUR NEW COMMITMENT (THREE OPTIONS)



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for Online Giving or update your current online gift amount at KCAscension.org/Stewardship



OFFERING ENVELOPE

Use your offering envelope and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



TAX ADVANTAGED CHARITABLE GIFTS

Explore using tax advantaged charitable gifts such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or Charitable Funds.

GIFTS RECEIVED:

- God first blessed us in the waters of baptism.
- He reconciles, heals and nourishes us through the Sacraments.
- He enlightens us with His Word.
- He provides us countless spiritual and material gifts.

AS GOOD STEWARDS:

The Lord calls us to imitate His generous charity by sharing our time and talent and by tithing. Tithing implies:

- A sacrificial gift of 10% of pre-tax income.

We have always suggested:

- 5% to the parish
- 1% to Archdiocese or universal Church
- 4% to other charities*

**School families might consider giving the 4% to the parish in support of our education ministries.*

As I communicated in the recent Annual Financial Report:

- Increasing ministry demands will require continued generous giving.
- Pending projects to upgrade and repair our aging campus will put a big dent into parish reserves.
- Anticipated space allocation needs will require additional capital support.

As we begin our annual Stewardship Appeal, I invite you to keep Ascension a robust parish by prayerfully and generously sharing your time, talent and financial support, enabling us to bless others and bring many into a transformational encounter with Jesus and His Church.

Remember, **So, As We Have Received, We Give.**

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,

Fr. Gary Pennings, Pastor



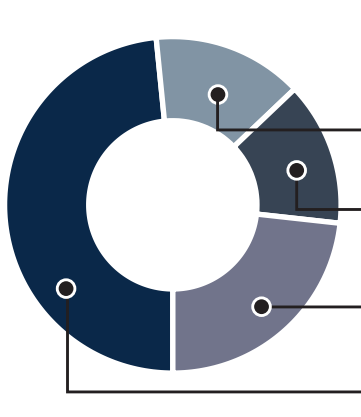
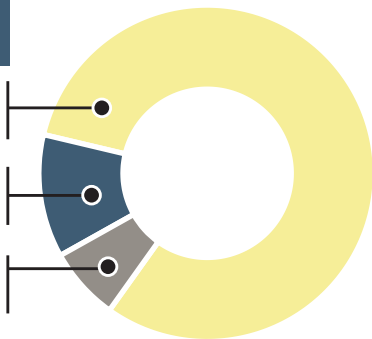
2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR

\$8,407,594
OPERATING INCOME

\$6,823,381 (81%)
Offertory

\$994,473 (12%)
Ministry & Programs

\$589,740 (7%)
Other



\$8,304,207
OPERATING EXPENSES*

\$1,323,275 (16%)
General

\$1,265,552 (15%)
Ministry & Programs

\$1,291,486 (16%)
Facilities

\$4,423,894 (53%)
Salary & Benefits

*Not Including Capital Improvement Expense: **\$833,045**

SPECIAL EVENT NET RECEIPTS

Celebrate Ascension Net Receipts: **\$184,638**

Archdiocese Campaign Rebates: **\$59,799**

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“AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT,”

Church of the Ascension exists to draw people into transformational encounters with Jesus Christ and His Church by proclaiming the Gospel, worshipping wholeheartedly, serving generously, and loving like Jesus. Through our parish school and parish youth formation programs, we have formed countless children in the faith and prepared them for the sacraments.

8,760 Hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration

3,299

Families in our Parish

1,785

Youth Service projects

1,471

Adults in Faith Formation

573

Children in full-time school

410

Children in religious ed

227

VBS participants

137

Confirmations

129

First Communions

101

Baptisms

66

Adult Faith classes/retreats

34

Funerals

23

Weddings

“USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER...”

We have ministered to the sick and homebound, helped teens and young adults discern God’s voice in their lives, served the poor and hungry in a wide variety of ways, inspired adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith and accompanied believers through participation in prayer groups, support groups and varied communal events.

\$266,110 donated

outside our Parish

\$43,459 + 38,613 LBS. of food

contributed to Pop the Trunk food drives

\$14,515 in cash & gift cards + 3 large cargo trucks

donated for Angel Trees

\$12,850 + 295 turkeys & hams

for Turkey Drive

\$12,362 raised

for Baby Bottle Boomerang

572 donated

prayer blankets and quilts

352 donors

at the Ascension Blood Drive

291 parishioners served

in Liturgical Ministry