

Dear Beloved Parishioners –

What a wonderful time to be a part of Most Sacred Heart Parish! Having been a priest as long as I have, I can tell you that it is rare to see such a growth in vibrancy, memberships, and ministries.

The signs of this new life are everywhere including: A growing number of children attending our Day School and PSR; frequent baptisms, weddings, and new member registrations; the addition of a contemporary music ensemble, a Eucharistic Encounter event led by our Youth ministry, a podcast series, a new ministry for moms, and brand new Men's and Women's retreats and SO much more. God is doing great good here because of the many parishioners who so generously share their precious time; hard-earned money; and God-given gifts. Thank you. Seriously. Thank you.

God counts on us to be generous with what we have. To give of ourselves so we not only grow in numbers, but also (in our efforts) to witness the love of God in more and more ways to more and more people.

With this in mind, **I invite you to respond to this year's stewardship initiative.** Please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family are being called by God to participate at Most Sacred Heart. How are you being invited to renew – or discover new ways – to pray, serve, and financially support our efforts? When we share what we have been given for God's work, **we are ourselves blessed**, AND together, in response to the blessings we have been given, we can **make an even bigger difference in this world!**

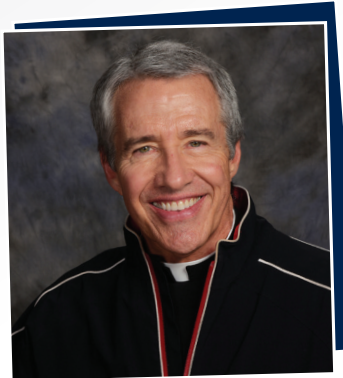
On the weekend of September 14 and 15, our parish is invited to recommit ourselves to the practice of giving. It is clear that our prayer, service, and increased Sunday offering helps God change lives. **We are counting on you!** Please participate in this important initiative as we together respond to God's great gift of love.

Me? I will continue to do everything I can as well. For I consider myself one of the luckiest people in the world to be a part of this parish. Every day I get to witness God's wonderful goodness shining through the countless ways you live your faith.

Gratefully, in Christ,

fr. joe

Fr. Joseph Kempf



Connect with us!

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Use this QR code to discover where you can serve as well as how to join a ministry!



Discerning Your New Offertory Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Offertory Card and bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code to complete your Offertory Card online. Please see the QR code below Fr. Joe's letter to recommit yourself to Prayer and Service.



Fulfilling Your New Offertory Commitment



To sign up for **Online Giving** or to update your current online gift, visit www.sacredhearteureka.org and click on the Donate button near the bottom of the homepage.



Use your **offertory envelope** and bring it to Mass or mail it to the parish office.

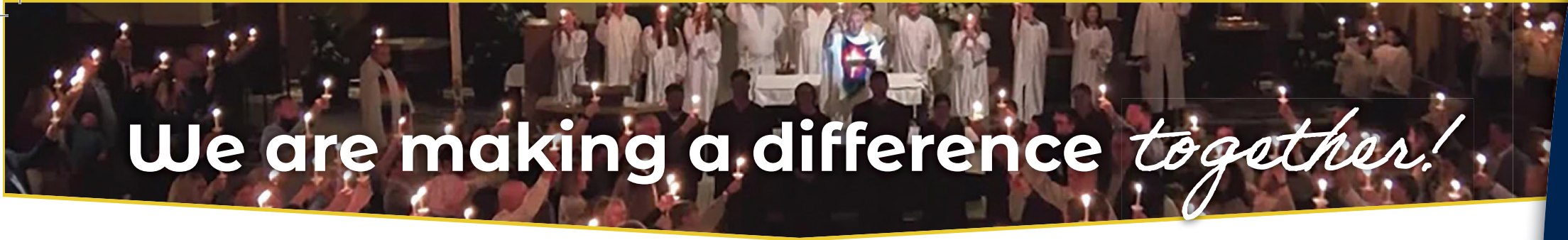


To learn more about making a **Planned Gift** to Sacred Heart, contact the parish office at **(636) 938-5048.**

Loved by *God,*
We Love This World

Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Eureka, MO





We are making a difference *together!*

Know Him

God has blessed you with the gift of prayer. There are many ways to incorporate prayer into our daily lives. How will you choose to share your time to worship God and learn more fully God's love for you?

- **Adoration & Encounter Adoration** - Grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist through praise and worship in front of the Blessed Sacrament
- **Bible Study** - Men's & Women's opportunities (day and evening groups)
- **Faith Formation** - Men's & Women's Retreats, Refreshment & Reflection, MOMS Group, Parents of Young Ones, and Youth Ministry
- **Personal Prayer** - Carve out time in your day to talk to God
- **Pray with Others** - Make time each day to pray with and for those you love
- **Religious Education** - Day School, Parish School of Religion, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Vacation Bible School

Love Him

God has blessed us with a beautiful church building. But the real beauty comes from within – how we fill it. Do you see yourself in one of these needed roles at Mass?

- **Attend Mass** - One of the most important roles at Mass is for each one of us to participate as much as we are able. Invite a friend to join you! While at Mass, consider other ways you can participate as well:
 - **Altar Servers** - 5th-8th graders assist the Priest during Mass
 - **A/V Technicians** - Help maximize the audio and visual experience
 - **Eucharistic Ministers** - Distribute the Body & Blood of Christ
 - **Lectors** - Proclaim the Scripture readings
 - **Music Ministry** - Choir, Cantor, Musician, and Contemporary Ensemble
 - **Sacristans** - Prepare and oversee things necessary for the celebration of Mass
 - **Ushers & Greeters** - Assist with greeting, seating, and collecting the Offertory

Serve Him

God has blessed you with many talents. How will you choose to share your talents for God and for one another? (You can read more about all our wonderful ministries at www.sacredhearteureka.org/ministries-organizations)

- **Blood Drive** - Consider giving the gift of life by donating blood
- **Church Cleaner** - As part of a team, work to keep the Sanctuary, Choir Loft, pews, and floors clean
- **Church Decorator** - Work with others to decorate the Church to highlight special events and liturgical seasons
- **Family Volunteering Group** - Create care packages for those in need
- **Funeral Luncheon** - Prepare and serve food to grieving families
- **Funeral Planning** - Help plan a funeral Mass and celebrate the life of a loved one
- **Growing Project** - Support Kindness in a Box and underprivileged Peruvian citizens
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Serve our Neighbors in Need
- **Special Events** - Lend a helping hand at a parish fundraiser or function

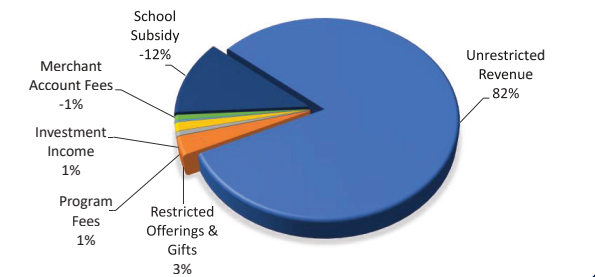


Financial Snapshot: *2023/2024 Fiscal Year*

Operating Income

Unrestricted Revenue	\$1,458,421.12
Restricted Offerings & Gifts	\$52,608.85
Program Fees	\$12,080.35
Investment Income	\$24,097.64
Other Revenue	\$4,605.63
Merchant Account Fees	(\$14,762.12)
School Subsidy	(\$213,899.57)

Total **\$1,323,151.90**



Operating Expenses

Personnel Costs	\$655,276.02
Supplies	\$122,841.19
Fees & Services	\$103,298.29
Occupancy	\$181,242.77
TFRS Other Parishes-Diocese	\$248,297.00
Capital Expenditures	\$77,458.94

Total **\$1,388,414.21**

Net Operating Deficit **(\$65,262.31)**

