

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As disciples of Jesus, we are not meant to walk alone. We are called into communion with Jesus and into the beautiful gift of belonging to one another through our common faith. Just as God reveals Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a perfect communion of love, so too does He invite us into relationship with Him and with one another.

Here at **Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish**, we are truly blessed. Our parish is more than a place—it is a spiritual home, a place of faith where the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic tradition come alive. **Together in Christ** - we worship, we learn, and we serve. And we do it not by our own strength, but united in Jesus Christ who makes us one.

At the heart of our parish life is the **Sunday Eucharist**, the source and summit of our faith. Each week, the Lord gathers us as one body to listen to His Word and to be nourished by His love in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. From this central act of worship flows every other dimension of our parish: our faith formation, our prayer and study groups, our ministries for men and women, our celebrations of fellowship, and our countless acts of service for the poor, the sick, the homebound, and families in need.

This mission continues because of *you* - your presence, your prayers, your generosity, and your witness. Some of you have walked with this parish for decades; others are new or join us for the winter months in our desert home. No matter how long you've been here, you are part of this living, growing community of faith. **Together in Christ** we are building a spiritual home for our ongoing worship of God.

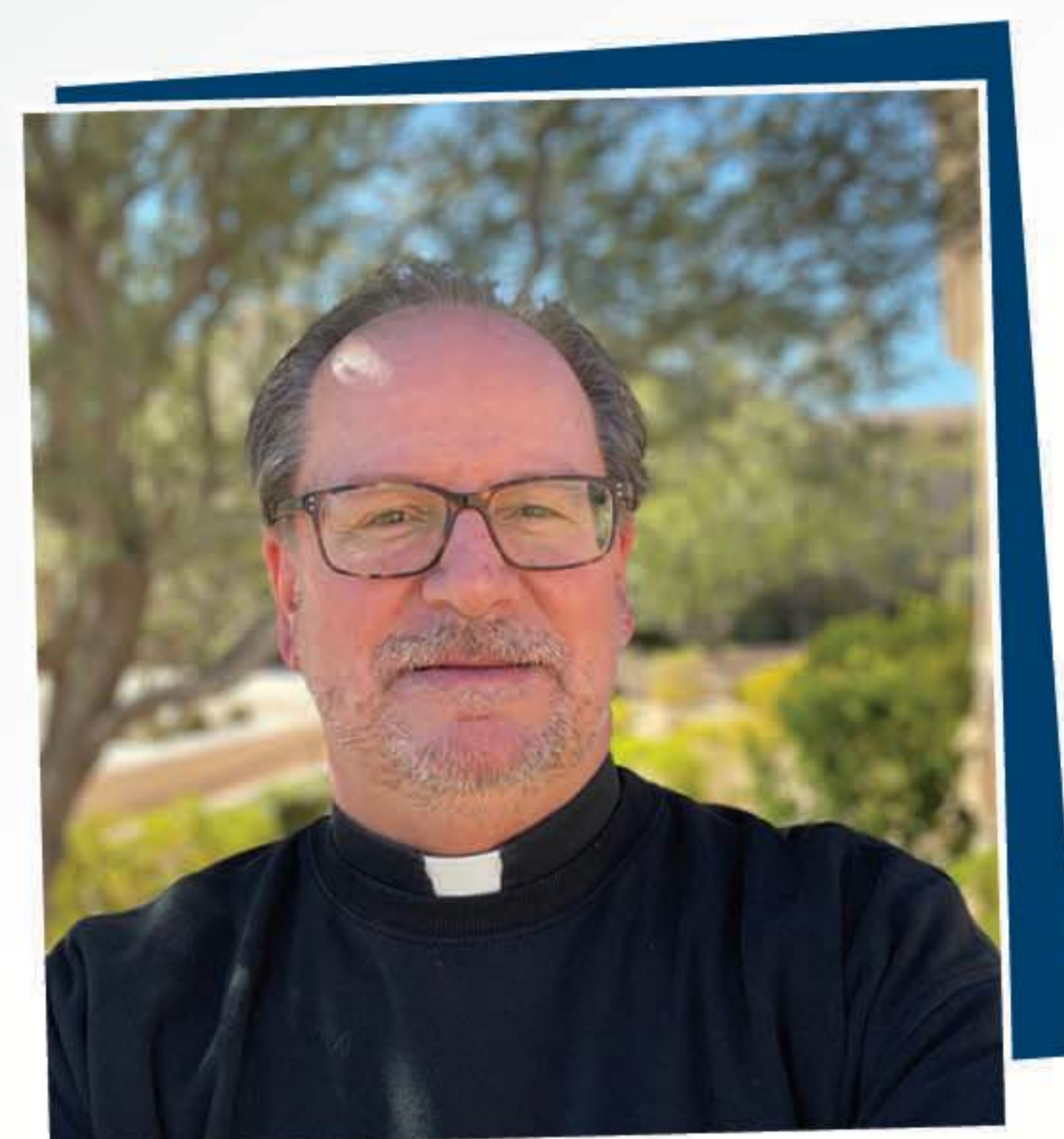
I am humbled and grateful to serve as your pastor. This November, as we reflect on the missionary call of our parish, let us renew our commitment to worship, to learn, and to serve - always for the glory of God and the good of His people. Each one of you makes a difference. **Together in Christ**, we can do all things.

May this time of intentional renewal and commitment deepen our love for God and for one another, as we continue our journey together as disciples.

With gratitude, hope, and prayer,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Fred



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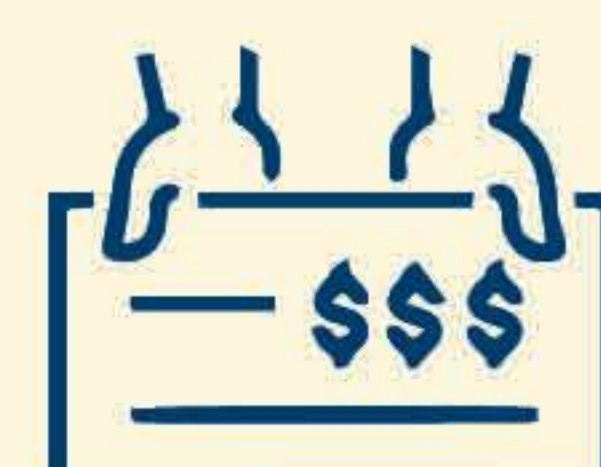
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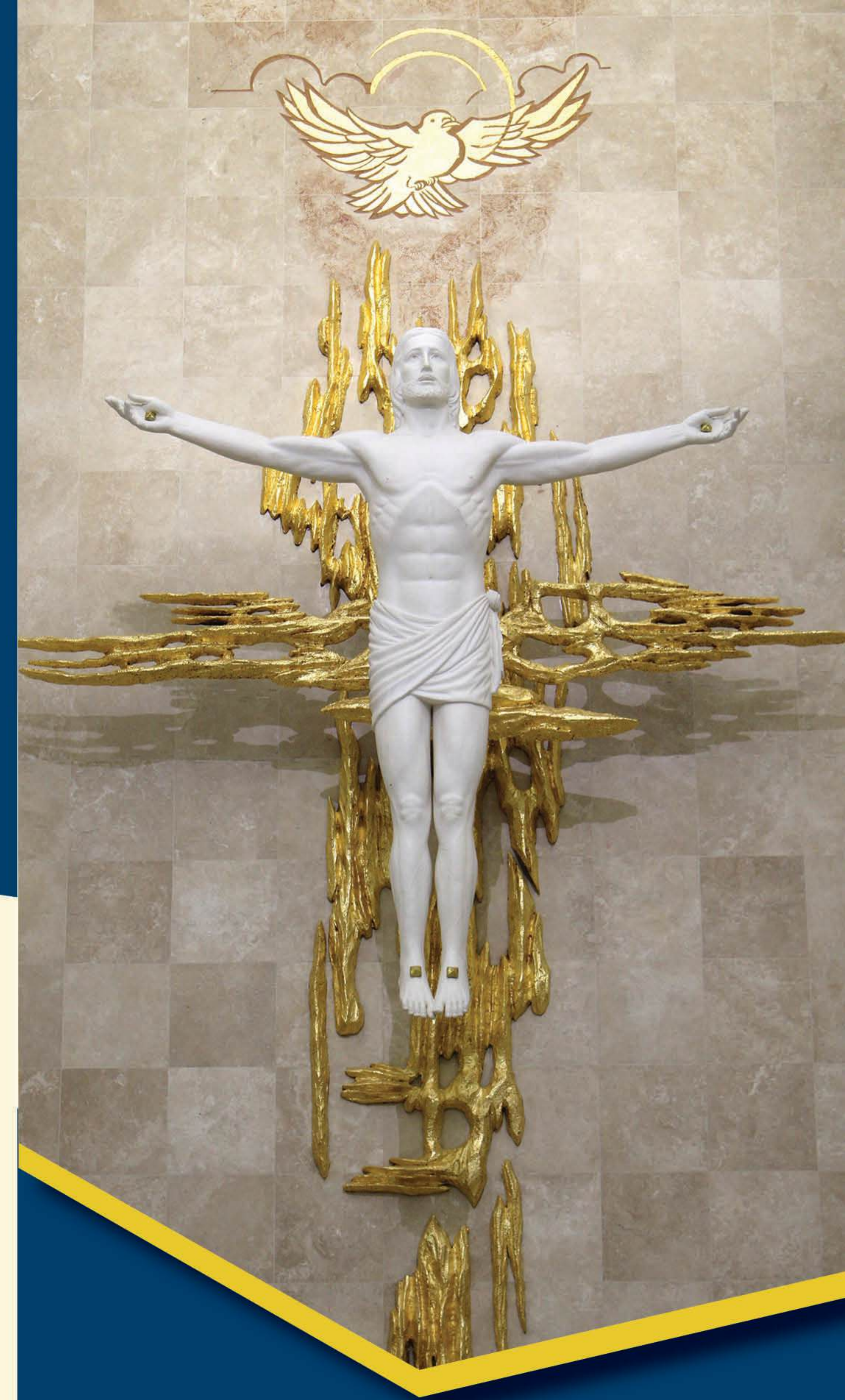
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Together in *Christ*

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish
Scottsdale, AZ

We are transforming lives *together!*

We Learn:

- **Children's Faith Formation** - Children K-8 learning to grow in their relationship with Jesus and getting them ready to receive the Sacraments
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Time for kids to reflect on the Sunday readings
- **Quest** - A journey for those who are inquiring to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- **High School Formation/Teen Bible Study** - Growing in wisdom, knowledge and faith as young people
- **Men's Renewal** - Day or Weekend retreat to awaken and renew their spiritual growth
- **Sanctity of Life** - Protect and promote the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death
- **Women of Joy** - Retreats for women to learn and grow in their faith
- **That Man Is You** - Men coming together to grow in the role of husband and father as Catholics in our modern world
- **Christ in Our Neighborhood** - Small faith groups sharing the Gospel in homes of fellow Catholics
- **Music and Bible Camps** - Summer programs for kids of all ages

We Worship:

- **Altar Servers** - Children who have been Confirmed and received First Communion, to assist with Mass
- **Music Ministry** - Serving God and the parish through music
- **Lector** - Prepare and proclaim God's Word during mass
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Assisting the priest in the distribution of Holy Eucharist
- **Eucharistic Adoration** - Quiet time of prayer and reflection with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- **Prayer Groups (Charismatic Prayer Group, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Padre Pio, Divine Mercy)** - Help to strengthen our love for Jesus and His Church through devotion and prayer
- **Women's Spirituality** - Prayer, sharing, study, and discussion as we seek a closer relationship with Christ and His Church.
- **Altar Society** - Ensure the church is clean, welcoming, and reverent for the celebration of Mass

We Serve:

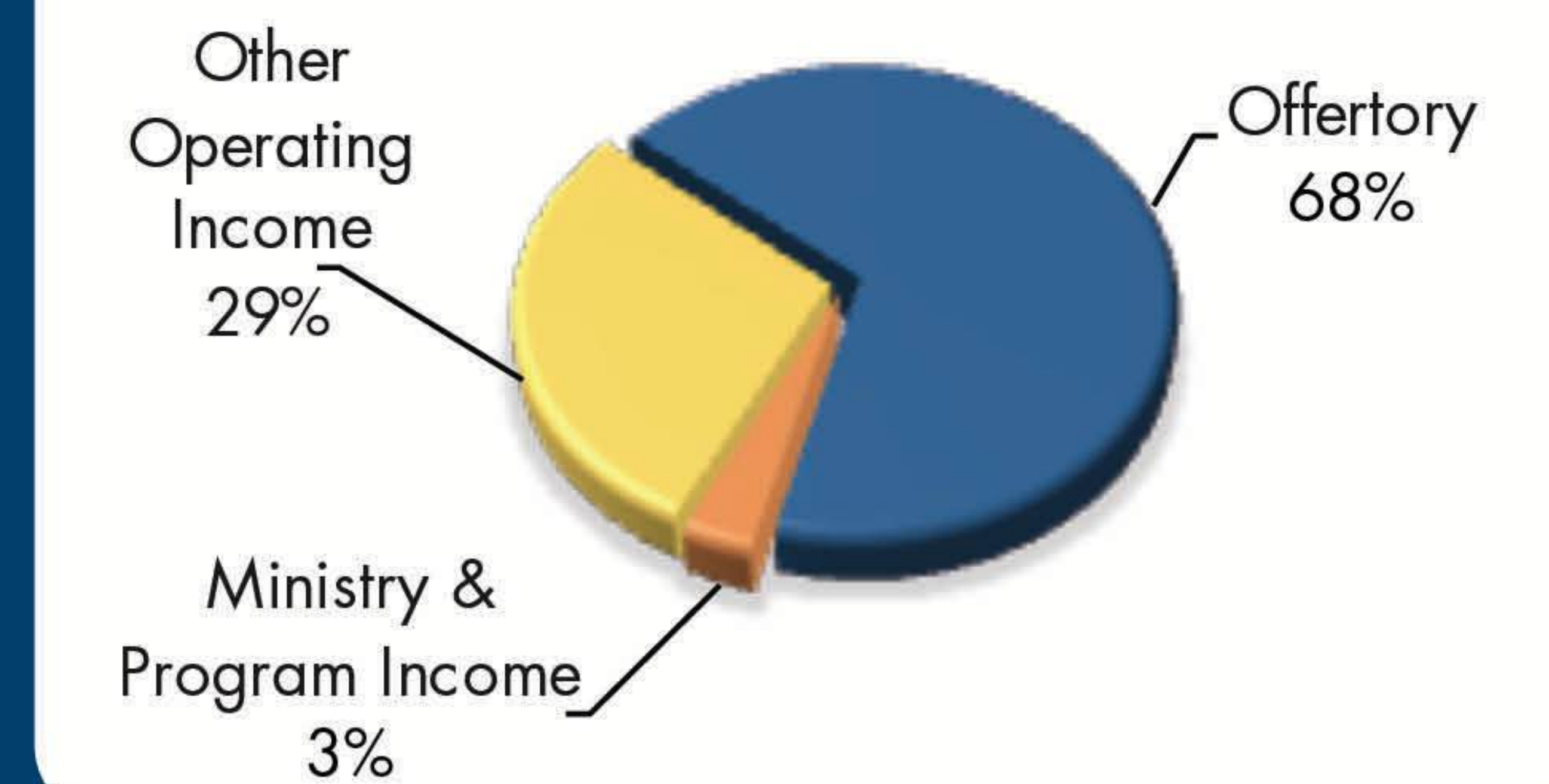
- **Hospitality and Welcoming** - Create a warm and inviting environment for our community
- **Ministers of Care** - Bring Holy Communion to the sick, needy and homebound
- **Bereavement/Funeral Hospitality** - Provide support for grieving families
- **Knights of Columbus** - Catholic men dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, providing financial support and community service
- **Mother's and Others** - Provide fellowship and spiritual growth opportunities for parents
- **St. Vincent DePaul** - Provides financial assistance, transportation and guidance to those in need

Financial Snapshot: *2024/2025 Fiscal Year*

Operating Income

Offertory	\$1,538,358.00
Ministry & Program Income	\$75,505.00
Other Operating Income	\$650,709.00

Total **\$2,264,572.00**



Operating Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$725,659.00
General Operating Expenses	\$879,776.00
Ministry & Program Expenses	\$51,461.00
Facilities Expenses	\$82,693.00

Total **\$1,739,589.00**

Net Operating Surplus **\$524,983.00**

