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# 2023-2024

## ANNUAL REPORT

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### Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church Parish Prayer

O God, Almighty Father, you gather this parish church in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Here you call us to be a priestly people, a household of faithful disciples, a temple of your Holy Spirit, and a beacon of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church shining for Jesus Christ in the heart of Henderson, Kentucky. As with faithful generations past, send us today to labor as stewards in your vineyard and as witnesses of your Kingdom. Grace our minds and hearts and hands with your Spirit to do the work of the Gospel. So that, building on the one foundation which is Christ and his Apostles, we may do your holy will and accomplish the service to which you call us. We ask this in the most Holy Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom all good things come. Amen.



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Please review this Holy Name of Jesus Annual Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024. This report reflects the rich tapestry of our parish life, showcasing the many ways in which parishioners came together as a community of faith to support one another, grow spiritually, and extend our love and service to the local community, Diocese and to the larger Church.

As you review the highlights and financial summaries, you will find evidence of the remarkable achievements and steadfast dedication of our parish community. Each page of this report is a tribute to your commitment and the blessings we have experienced throughout the past year.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Holy Name Parish. May we continue to grow in faith and love, united in our mission to serve God and one another.

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## A Letter from the Pastor

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Greetings,

With this report generated by Holy Name Parish staff, we give an accounting to the Church of our parish stewardship. The Lord Jesus Christ entrusts himself to us in Word and in Sacrament along with giving us family, earthly resources, personal talents, and graces in the Holy Spirit beyond measure. Only some of the fruits of these gifts can be measured or described in metrics. Having employed God's gifts for our neighbors' benefit and God's glory we offer here a limited description of our service "to the praise of God's glory."

Ours is a Eucharistic attitude of self-sacrifice. It is how the Christian lives out the gift of Jesus Christ received in the living Sacrament of his Body and Blood. While from the earliest days, the Lord's Supper or Mass was celebrated in the assembly of the Faithful, it was lived out as an ongoing, living sacrifice in their homes and villages, in their labor, their businesses, on their streets, in their daily lives. The main focus was in their homes where husbands and wives and parents and children were notably different than their non-Christian neighbors. They did not conform to the pagan world around them and it showed. In that light, may I repeat the exhortation of St. Paul in Romans 12— ***I urge you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.*** [Romans 12:1-2] And, may the Lord who has called us to the labor of his Kingdom prosper the work and witness of this Parish in the Most Holy Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fr. Richard Meredith

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## Una carta del pastor

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Saludos,

Con este informe generado por el personal de la Parroquia del Santo Nombre, rendimos cuentas a la Iglesia de nuestra administración parroquial. El Señor Jesucristo nos confía a nosotros en Palabra y en Sacramento, además de darnos familia, recursos terrenales, talentos personales y gracias en el Espíritu Santo sin medida. Solo algunos de los frutos de estos dones se pueden medir o describir en métricas. Habiendo empleado los dones de Dios para el beneficio de nuestros vecinos y la gloria de Dios, ofrecemos aquí una descripción limitada de nuestro servicio "para alabanza de la gloria de Dios".

La nuestra es una actitud eucarística de auto-sacrificio. Es la forma en que el cristiano vive el don de Jesucristo recibido en el Sacramento vivo de su Cuerpo y Sangre. Si bien desde los primeros días, la Cena del Señor o Misa se celebraba en la asamblea de los fieles, se vivía como un sacrificio continuo y vivo en sus hogares y pueblos, en su trabajo, sus negocios, en sus calles, en su vida diaria. El enfoque principal estaba en sus hogares, donde los esposos, esposas, padres e hijos eran notablemente diferentes a sus vecinos no cristianos. No se conformaban al mundo pagano que los rodeaba y eso se notaba. En ese sentido, permítanme repetir la exhortación de San Pablo en Romanos 12: "Así que, hermanos, les ruego por las misericordias de Dios que presenten sus cuerpos como sacrificio vivo, santo y agradable a Dios, su culto racional. No se conformen a este mundo, sino transfórmense por medio de la renovación de su entendimiento, para que comprueben cuál es la voluntad de Dios, lo que es bueno, agradable y perfecto". [Romanos 12:1-2] Y que el Señor que nos ha llamado a la obra de su Reino prospere la obra y el testimonio de esta Parroquia en el Santísimo Nombre de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Padre Richard Meredith

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## A Reflection from Fr. Christopher

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It is with much joy and peace that I write you today, brothers and sisters! You see, having a year in review would doubtlessly include a reflection from your parochial vicar. I thank Fr. Meredith for asking me to summarize my first year here at Holy Name. Admittedly, there is much to cover, but I assure you I will keep it brief.

When I received the phone call from Bishop Medley in the spring of 2023, assigning me to Holy Name as Parochial Vicar, I had a sense of peace. You see, I was nearing the end of my seven years in the seminary, readying myself to make yet another transition into the unknown. The unknown was something I was becoming quite familiar with. However, I came to realize that through prayer, patience and Christ's grace, that the unknown was part of His plan for me.

The weekend after the phone call from Bishop Medley, I wanted to see Holy Name for myself. I drove from Saint Meinrad to Henderson and finally reached this beautiful Church. Spending some time in the Marian grotto, I prayed. I prayed for grace, I prayed for peace, I prayed for understanding but above all, I prayed for each of you. I hoped that my being here, however long or short it was, would be filled with challenges, new encounters and an opportunity for this farmer boy to bring a little piece of his old home to his new home.

Sisters and brothers, this first year of priesthood has been filled with many blessings. From witnessing my first wedding, to baptizing over ten children, Confirming three adults, countless hospital and homebound visits, participating in NCYC, the Eucharistic pilgrimage, leading a wonderful women's retreat (don't forget your sugar) and being involved with Holy Name School, I have been overwhelmed with your constant support and prayer. In a way, you see, you experienced this first year with me. Suffice it to say there are many more things that I can add but in short, I wish to say thank you.

Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and this parish! I ask that you also pray for me. Remember that building up the kingdom of heaven takes work; it takes you! We need your prayer, your love and your reverence. You make this parish and, I am blessed to be a part of it.

Pax,

Fr. Christopher

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## Una reflexión del Fr. Christopher

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¡Es con mucha alegría y paz que les escribo hoy, hermanos y hermanas! Verán, hacer un repaso del año sin duda incluiría una reflexión de su vicario parroquial. Agradezco al padre Meredith por pedirme que resumiera mi primer año aquí en Holy Name. Es cierto que hay mucho que cubrir, pero les aseguro que será breve.

Cuando recibí la llamada telefónica del Señor Obispo Medley en la primavera de 2023, asignándome a Holy Name como vicario parroquial, tuve una sensación de paz. Verán, me estaba acercando al final de mis siete años en el seminario, preparándome para hacer otra transición hacia lo desconocido. Lo desconocido era algo con lo que me estaba familiarizando bastante. Sin embargo, me di cuenta de que a través de la oración, la paciencia y la gracia de Cristo, lo desconocido era parte de Su plan para mí.

El fin de semana después de la llamada telefónica del obispo Medley, quise visitar Holy Name por mí mismo. Conduje desde Saint Meinrad hasta Henderson y finalmente llegué a esta hermosa iglesia. Pasé un tiempo en la gruta mariana y recé. Recé por la gracia, recé por la paz, recé por la comprensión, pero sobre todo recé por cada uno de ustedes. Esperaba que mi estancia aquí, por corta o larga que fuese, estuviese llena de desafíos, nuevos encuentros y una oportunidad para que este muchacho granjero trajera un pedacito de su antiguo hogar a su nuevo hogar.

Hermanas y hermanos, este primer año de sacerdocio ha estado lleno de muchas bendiciones. Desde ser testigo de mi primera boda, hasta bautizar a más de diez niños, confirmar a tres adultos, incontables visitas a hospitales y hogares, participar en NCYC, la peregrinación eucarística, dirigir un maravilloso retiro de mujeres (no olviden su azúcar) y estar involucrados con Holy Name School, me he sentido abrumado por su constante apoyo y oración. En cierto modo, verán, ustedes experimentaron este primer año conmigo. Baste decir que hay muchas más cosas que puedo agregar, pero en resumen, deseo decirles gracias.

Tengan la seguridad de que seguiré rezando por cada uno de ustedes y por esta parroquia. Les pido que también recen por mí. Recuerden que construir el reino de los cielos requiere trabajo; ¡se necesita de ustedes! Necesitamos sus oraciones, su amor y su reverencia. Ustedes son los que hacen esta parroquia y yo tengo la bendición de ser parte de ella.

La Paz,

Padre Christopher

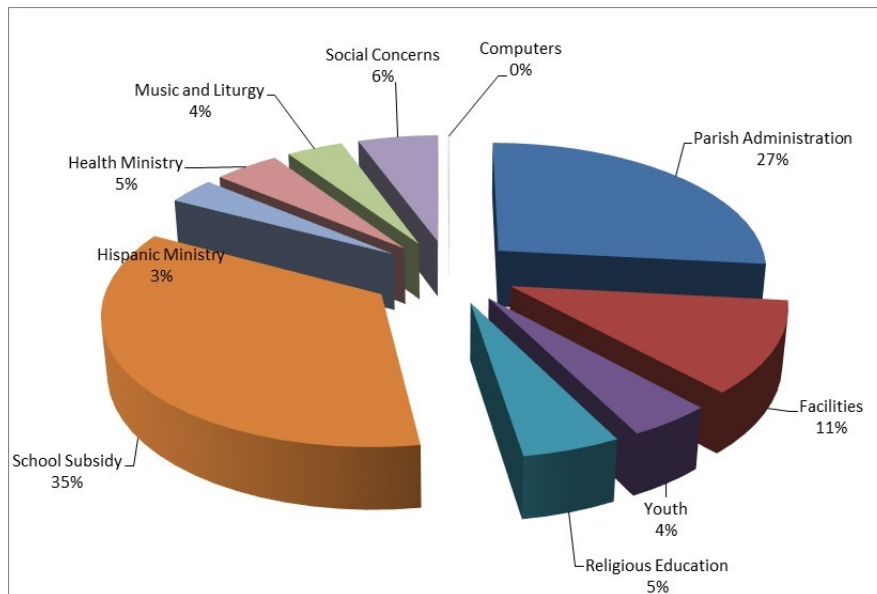
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# Annual Revenue & Expense Report 2023-2024

## General Operating Account Year Ending June 2024

	<u><b>ACTUAL</b></u>
General Revenue	1,711,217
Estates & Bequests	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,711,217</b>
Parish Administration	496,929
Facilities Operations	213,884
Youth	80,047
Religious Education	93,607
HNS Subsidy	654,600
Hispanic Ministry	61,726
Health Ministry	84,188
Music & Liturgy	72,427
Social Action	102,847
Computers	760
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,861,014</b>
<b>Excess Revenues</b>	<b>-149,797</b>

## Expenses for Year Ending June 2024



## Contributions Historical Summary

	<u><b>2022-2023</b></u>	<u><b>2023-2024</b></u>
General Collections	1,486,305.59	1,565,796.83
Building Maintenance	6,781.24	45,247.09
Cemetery	2,875.00	3,099.09
Estates, Bequests & Memorials	325.00	75.00
Diocesan, Habitat, Mission Speakers	51,866.44	28,482.74
Food Pantry	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,548,153.27</b>	<b>1,642,700.75</b>
<b>% of Increase</b>	<b>-81.50%</b>	<b>6.11%</b>

## EXPLANATIONS OF PARISH FUNDS: THEIR USES AND HOW THEY ARE FUNDED

**The Parish Operating Fund:** This account pays for the normal operations of the parish, providing for salaries, benefits, utilities, phone bills, postage, and computer services as well as routine maintenance such as mowing, snow removal, waxing floors, light bulbs, and filters. In addition, it pays all expenses necessary to operate the many ministries available in the parish, the largest of which is the school subsidy. The Parish Operating Fund account is funded by collections. Annually, a budget is prepared based on an estimate of the operating expenses and this determines the amount needed in collections for the coming year. It is through these collections that the many ministries are made possible.

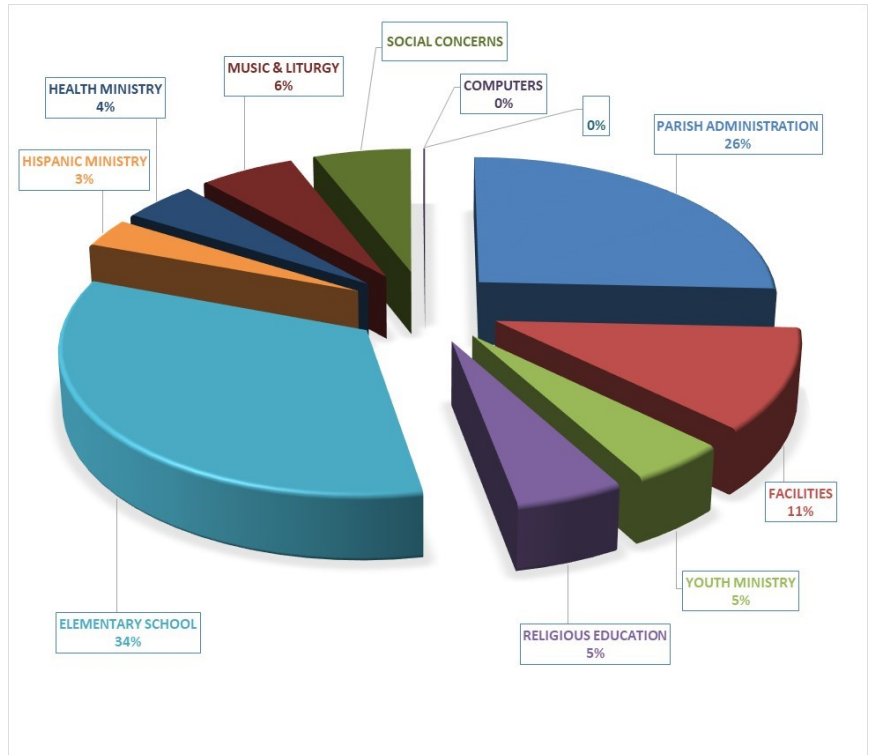
**The Parish Plant Fund:** This account pays for capital expenditures. Capital expenditures are items for all properties: church, school, St. Margaret Chapel, convent, including building repairs and improvements, land and parking improvements, possible land purchases, large furniture and equipment repairs and purchases. A "plant fund" monthly envelope is provided however these larger items required additional funding. The parish is depended upon receiving estates and memorials for these major expenses.

**The Cemetery Fund:** This account pays for all expenses of the St. Louis Cemetery. These expenses would include: lawn maintenance, road improvements, and landscaping, fencing, and computer expenses. The cemetery is self-supporting. As to date, the sale of grave spaces have been enough to maintain the property.

**Food Pantry:** This investment account is solely for maintaining the food pantry. Withdraws are made annually for the amount needed to purchase food for the pantry.

# Projected Budget 2024-2025

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,777,002.42</b>
Parish Administration	516,142.10
Facilities	230,159.96
Youth	93,963.73
Rel Ed Kn-12	9,063.51
Teachers	67,395.11
Adults	24,133.31
RCIA & RCIC	3,158.24
School Subsidy	674,210.71
Religious Education	777,960.88
Hispanic Ministry	64,201.84
Health Ministry	90,067.13
Music & Liturgy	114,706.98
Social Action	117,959.77
Computers	2,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,007,162.38</b>
Plant Transfer—Maintenance	-230,159.96
<b>Excess Revenues</b>	<b>0</b>



## Remodel/Improvement Projects

### Remodel/Improvement Projects Completed 2023-2024

- After demolition of the house behind the garage, a new storage facility and maintenance workshop was completed.
- At the cemetery, the blacktop driveway was replaced with all new concrete driveways.
- Additional cameras for safety.
- Bathrooms renovation.
- Purchased property on First Street.

### Proposed Remodel/Improvement Projects for 2024-2025

- Painting, flooring, baptismal font, widening of the entrance off the parish hall hallway, new pews, sound system and lighting.
- Improved/new signage for the campus.
- Resurfacing and restriping the current parking lot.
- Address parking lot drainage issues.
- New update phone system.
- New automated parish communication system.



At Holy Name Parish, **Charitable Giving Activities** make a profound difference in the Henderson Community through the Mary & Martha Fund which is funded by 5% of offertory collections. This year, our outreach effort provided a total of \$69,082.42 for assistance with rent, utilities, and food to those in need. The Food Pantry has been enhanced by a generous family who's donation ensures that the Food Pantry is supported for years to come. In addition, Holy Name extends support to various nonprofits, including Marsha's Place, Habitat for Humanity, National Fire and Safety, a small parish in the Diocese and The Fr. Bradley Shelter for Women & Children. This year's donations total over \$11,000.00. For more information, please contact the parish office.





The **Holy Name Men's Club** is a cornerstone of community service and support, boasting a membership of 71 dedicated individuals, with 20-25 actively involved in 2024. Their calendar is filled with impactful activities such as the Fall Festival featuring barbeque chicken, pork chops and fish fries, requiring 24 hours of commitment from many. During Lent, they host six Fridays of fish fries, alongside monthly meetings with meals for members. They contribute significantly to the community through events like community dinners, fundraisers, youth group meals, and church activities like Halloween hot dog meals and RCIA support. Over the years, they have consistently supported Holy Name School with donations, including \$4,000 for athletics and academics, and a recent contribution of \$500 to the Boy Scouts. Their achievements include providing scholarships annually and maintaining essential facilities like banquet tables and chairs. Looking forward, their goal is to expand their membership while continuing their legacy of service and charitable giving for the school, church, and community. To join, contact Aaron Hauser, [aaronhauser23@gmail.com](mailto:aaronhauser23@gmail.com).

The **Bereavement Ministry** embodies service, hospitality, and compassion through its dedicated team of 30 volunteers who serve meals and assist with clean-up for grieving families. Supported by over 80 parishioners who generously contribute food dishes, the ministry offers a comforting presence during difficult times, ensuring that families in mourning are cared for with warmth and support. Their commitment to providing nourishment and comfort reflects their deep compassion for the community they serve. Always looking for helping hands, [holyname@holynameparish.net](mailto:holyname@holynameparish.net).



## MISSION STATEMENT: Holy Name of Jesus, a Catholic Parish



The **College Outreach Ministry** thrives on connecting, uplifting, and supporting our college-age parishioners. With 12 dedicated volunteers and a network of 60 college students, the outreach fosters spiritual growth through activities like semester-start prayers and care packages during finals weeks. Achievements include ministering not only to college youth but also to seminarians in the Diocese of Owensboro, bridging connections and providing support to our extended parish family. The goal is to keep our young parishioners connected to their faith and community, ensuring they feel supported and valued even while away at college and seminary. For more information, email Beth Probus, [bprobus@holynameparish.net](mailto:bprobus@holynameparish.net).

Our **Youth Ministry** is an energetic community of 15 dedicated volunteers and 75 enthusiastic youth. Through engaging activities like Trunk or Treat, messy games, TikTok challenges, lock-ins, and trivia with senior citizens, we foster impactful relationships and a faith-filled environment. Our ministry extends beyond the parish with involvement in the community at the Salvation Army soup kitchens and with Mission Henderson. Our youth have the opportunity to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference, regional mission trips and Youth 2000. Highlights of this year include, integrating our Adult Special Needs Groups in some of our Youth activities and participating in the Thursday morning prayers group at HCHS. Our goal for the upcoming year is to add a retreat to our food giveaway in Steele, MO, which underscores our commitment to service and spiritual growth. The Reverse Raffle, aluminum can collections, selling shares and supports of parishioners, supplements funding for our events. Live by EXAMPLE! To be a part of any of these fun activities email Beth Probus, [bprobus@holynameparish.net](mailto:bprobus@holynameparish.net).

The **Community Health Nurse** ministry continues to expand its impactful parish and community initiatives through community outreach, partnerships, fellowship, grants for the Welborn Foundation and countless volunteers from our parish as well as others faith communities. Some of the programs offered are "Strong People Strong Bodies", low impact exercise 3 times a week; "SoulCore", prayer and stretching various times throughout the year; "Pickleball", introduction to the game; and "ZUMBA" offered at local Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities. Monthly breakfast gatherings for HNS parents and students through the "Fruit Moms" program have engaged over 400 individuals, fostering healthy options. Additionally, the church hosts the Red Cross Blood Drive thrice yearly, with enthusiastic participation from 20 to 30 donors each time. Our senior parishioners benefit from regular luncheons where blood pressure checks are provided, educational topics and a chance to meet new friends. Come join us, contact Margaret Strawn, [tmstrawn@twc.com](mailto:tmstrawn@twc.com). Stress management sessions at Webster County High School have reached approximately 30 staff members, aiding in their well-being. The Nurse Honor Guard offers solemn prayer services for nursing funerals, supported by committed volunteers during times of need. With plans to reintroduce ZUMBA at Holy Name Church, initiate Jump Rope exercises in January, and launch Kids Cooking Classes in partnership with UK Extension Office and HCDC, the Community Health ministry looks forward to further enhancing community health and wellness in the coming year. There is something for everyone and every age, contact Shannon Long, [slong@holynameparish.net](mailto:slong@holynameparish.net).



## in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky, is dedicated to living

The **Safety and Security Committee** is comprised of 11 dedicated members and volunteers committed to ensuring a safe environment for all. Their activities include educating liturgical ministers on the church's safety protocols, fostering community partnerships with Emergency Management, the Local Fire Department, Police, and Medical personnel. Achievements include providing essential training such as Fire extinguisher handling, CPR/AED, and First Aid to parishioners and students of Holy Name School. Looking ahead, the committee aims to enhance safety awareness by making pertinent information readily available in church pews. Their ethos revolves around the principles of PREPARE, EDUCATE, and PREVENTION, embodying a proactive approach to safeguarding our community. Contact Shannon Long, [slong@holynameparish.net](mailto:slong@holynameparish.net).

The **Altar Society** is a dedicated community of 39 members committed to giving, sharing, and caring. Their weekly activities include cleaning the church and ensuring altar linens are pristine. They also play a vital role in community events like the Fall Festival cake booth, providing desserts at fish fries and various meals/receptions. Beyond their service, they fundraise creatively through nut and pecan sales, an Annual Holiday Social, and membership dues. Their generosity extends to collecting pennies for River-view School, donating toiletries to St. Vincent de Paul, and contributing food to the Holy Name Food Pantry. Looking ahead, their goal is to expand membership, particularly engaging younger parishioners in their meaningful work. Consider joining, just show up at any monthly meeting or contact Janice Williams, [janicezwilliams@icloud.com](mailto:janicezwilliams@icloud.com).

The **Adult Education Discussion Group** at our parish, comprising 15-20 members, convenes monthly for vociferous discussions on current Catholic topics. Each session is marked by opinionated exchanges that reflect our diverse perspectives, fostering an ecumenical spirit of understanding and learning among participants. Through shared dialogue, the group strives to deepen faith and broaden perspectives in communion with one another. Come join us, contact Paul Kuerzi, [pdkuerzi@aol.com](mailto:pdkuerzi@aol.com).





The **Social Action** Ministry is a vibrant community of over 140 ministers and volunteers dedicated to transformative outreach. Through initiatives like Christmas cards for shut-ins, a Giving Tree for our Henderson neighbors, Family Mission weekend, Lenten Tree and educational campaigns on vital issues such as Care of the Earth, Dignity of Life, Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Child Abuse Prevention, the group strives to educate, identify needs, and foster community involvement. Some projects include monthly service at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and community clean-ups. Our achievements include a yearly giving garden tended by 12 volunteers and securing a grant for a second Community Garden on the East End. Looking ahead, our goals include expanding our missions and enhancing community gardens.

These projects are made possible through a collaboration with the Welborn Foundation, Audubon Kids Zone, individuals, the Public Library and the Extension Office. To get involved, please contact Ranni Dillard at [rdillard@holynameparish.net](mailto:rdillard@holynameparish.net).



The **Liturgical Ministers** ministry, comprising over 180 dedicated members, plays a crucial role in our Mass celebrations through their commitment to liturgy, prayer, and worship. These volunteers devote countless hours to preparation and training, ensuring each service is offered with reverence and grace. Their achievements include a notable increase in participation, driven by intentional training efforts. Looking forward, the ministry aims to sustain this positive trend by offering convenient training sessions and encouraging even greater engagement from the community, fostering a deeper spiritual experience for all parishioners. Consider this your invitation to minister to our Faith Community, Contact Matt Frields, [mfrields@holynameparish.net](mailto:mfrields@holynameparish.net).

## the Gospel Message. We strive to build community

**Holy Name School** is a vibrant community built on faith, academics, and service. With over 400 students and their families, and 64 employees and their families, the school has a long-standing tradition of weekly Mass, retreats, Patron Saint Contest, sporting events, academic teams and community activities such as the Fall Festival and Used Book Sale. Students from kindergarten to 8th grade participate in a unique house system volunteer and support partner local nonprofits like Harbor House, St. Jude's Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy, Salvation Army, New Hope Animal Shelter, Fr. Bradley Shelter for Women and Children, Humane Society and Marsha's Place. 186 school families participated in volunteerism and

donated 5,200 hours of service. Academic achievements are notable, with high percentages of students performing above grade level in math and reading. The school's overarching goal of fostering teamwork is reflected in its diverse activities and initiatives. Holy Name School thrives thanks to the generous support of its parish community, ensuring continued success through contributions of time, talent, and financial support. Come join the HNS Tradition, contact Julie Eadens, [jeadens@holynameschool.org](mailto:jeadens@holynameschool.org).



The **Knights of Columbus**, a vibrant ministry with 173 members including 50 active participants, is deeply committed to charity, unity, and fraternity. They engage in a range of impactful activities such as family formation programs, Habitat for Humanity projects, and youth events, complemented by their monthly meetings. Their community involvement shines through initiatives like the Tootsie Roll Drive, Christmas baskets for families, support for Marsha's Place, college scholarships, and assistance for seminarians. With 20 members actively involved in church ministry, their dedication reflects a profound commitment to serving both their local community and broader causes. Contact Brad Eadens at [beadens@holynameparish.net](mailto:beadens@holynameparish.net).



**St. Louis Cemetery board**, comprised of seven dedicated members, operates with reverence and volunteerism to preserve and enhance our Catholic Cemetery. This past year, their efforts have resulted in significant achievements: replacing deteriorating asphalt with new concrete roadways, erecting a new mausoleum/columbarium, and meticulously maintaining trees, roses, and shrubs through the devoted work of a husband and wife team. Additionally, the ministry secured adjacent property for future expansion, ensuring the cemetery can continue to serve the faithful with unwavering faith and care. Contact Kaye Villines, [kvillines@holynameparish.net](mailto:kvillines@holynameparish.net).

The **Small Faith Group** Ministry thrives with 18 groups engaging 64 participants in transformative activities. Known as ACTS 2:42, these groups convene monthly over nine months to deepen their spiritual journey, foster community bonds, and enrich their understanding of the Eucharist and faith. Eight of the groups are planning to seamlessly transition into ACTS 2:42 for the 2024/2025 cycle, guided by enlightening materials provided by the Diocese of Owensboro. These gatherings are not just educational but deeply spiritual and bonding experiences. To join one of these groups and embark on this journey of faith, please contact Ranni Dillard at [rdillard@holynameparish.net](mailto:rdillard@holynameparish.net).

The **Family Life Committee**, now numbering 10 and growing, orchestrates a series of impactful events that unite families and the community. From the heartwarming Backpack Blessings & Social to the festive Trunk or Treat and Easter/Spring celebrations, their efforts create memorable experiences for all ages. Beyond the fun, their achievements include a prayerful Back to School start and providing essential supplies to needy families. Their approach is truly multigenerational, fostering connections and strengthening the fabric of our community with each joyful gathering. Join the fun, contact Rose Wheeler, [rwheeler@holynameparish.net](mailto:rwheeler@holynameparish.net).



## by celebrating God's presence in Word and Sacrament.

The **Ministry to the Homebound and Hospital** is a vital ministry to provide parishioners unable to attend Mass with spiritual support and community care. With over 20 dedicated ministers, they send cards, make visits, pray with individuals, and deliver Sacraments to those in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in their homes. Reaching over 60 parishioners demonstrates their impactful outreach. Moving forward, one goal is to identify all parishioner unable to attend Mass, wishing to be visited. The priest will like to visit twice annually to offer the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation. Another goal is to expand the team by training new ministers, ensuring this compassionate ministry continues to meet the needs of the community. Participation in this ministry is not only needed and appreciated but also deeply connecting for all involved. Have a homebound loved one you wish to be included, please contact the church office. For more information, email [martivickers@icloud.com](mailto:martivickers@icloud.com).

### The Annual Vacation Bible School

thrived with over 250 participants this summer, creating a joyful whirlwind of activities that embody God's love for children and volunteers alike. This organized chaos transforms into a powerful missionary endeavor, uniting multiple area churches in the first-ever self-written and created VBS. As children immerse themselves in faith-filled adventures throughout the week, they not only learn but also experience the warmth of community and the embrace of God's enduring love. To be apart of VBS 2025, contact Rose Wheeler, [rwheeler@holynameparish.net](mailto:rwheeler@holynameparish.net).



The **Music Ministry**, comprised of 30 members, passionately enriches Sunday, Holyday, and Holiday Masses with joyful, praising music. Their goal is to expand opportunities for musicians to grow, learn, practice, and rehearse, fostering an open-hearted approach to worship. Looking ahead, the ministry aims to hire a full-time musician to lead and further elevate their music program. They aspire to involve more youth, nurturing a new generation of musicians to share their talents and deepen their spiritual connection through music within the community. Contact Matt Fields, [mfields@holynameparish.net](mailto:mfields@holynameparish.net).

The **Rosary Group**, comprising over 25 dedicated members, engages in a range of spiritually uplifting activities designed to deepen faith and foster unity. Each Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m., the group gather at church for a weekly rosary devotion, and they also come together for a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. New this year, some have joined the Knights of Columbus' 9-day Novena Prayers for Life devotion. Additionally, the group participates in the First Friday Devotion and Benediction. Occasionally, the group provides prayer cards, which can be found by the doors at church. Their goal is to encourage everyone, especially the youth, to participate in these devotions, creating a community that is spiritually enriching and truly "One in Christ though Many."

The **Liturgy Committee**, comprised of 14 dedicated members, focuses on enhancing the beauty and atmosphere of our church throughout the liturgical seasons and events. Their activities range from regular meetings to the meticulous decorating the church, creating an environment conducive to worship and reflection. Their achievements lie in consistently elevating the experience of Mass through their dedication and attentiveness to detail. Moving forward, the committee aims to foster increased participation during seasonal changes and broaden their scope of liturgical enhancements, ensuring that every aspect of worship reflects the reverence and spirit of our faith. For more information, contact Matt Fields, [mfrields@holynameparish.net](mailto:mfrields@holynameparish.net).

The **Parish Office Assistance** ministry is composed of over 15 dedicated volunteers who play a crucial role in maintaining the parish office's efficiency. They cover office duties during lunches, meetings, and vacations, assist in parish mailings, update sacramental information in software systems, and various office projects. In the past year, they have collectively volunteered over 500 hours, ensuring smooth operations and enhancing parish services. The ministry prides itself on being dependable and dedicated, attributes that are deeply appreciated by the parish staff. For more info, email [holyname@holynameparish.net](mailto:holyname@holynameparish.net).

## Through our gift of diversity, guided by the spirit, we witness

With a dedicated team of 50 volunteers, **St. Vincent dePaul** is making a significant impact throughout the local community. Volunteers manage the thrift store, processing donated items, and serve as caseworkers assisting those in need. Their goals are to foster a sense of community and friendship among our volunteers, create a welcoming space for everyone who visits the store and warehouse, and expand their capacity to provide more financial support to any in need. Volunteers are driven by the values of Love, Friendship, and Service. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Alice at St. Vincent dePaul to get involved.



**Mary and Martha Outreach**, supported by the generous parishioners of Holy Name parish, embodies a humbling commitment to serving Henderson County residents in need. With 12 dedicated caseworkers and pantry stockers, the ministry offers crucial assistance including rent, utilities, food, gas, and prescriptions. Their quarterly meetings with local service providers ensure strategic alignment and effective community support. Their impact is profound, extending financial aid and nourishment to hundreds of households. Moving forward, their goal is to expand their team with additional caseworkers and substitutes, aiming to deepen their reach and impact in the community. Working with Mary and Martha Outreach is not just fulfilling, but truly rewarding. Contact Marti Vickers, [martivickers@icloud.com](mailto:martivickers@icloud.com).





The **Latino Ministry** is a vibrant hub of community engagement and spiritual growth. With over 40 dedicated ministers and volunteers, including Spanish lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and a dynamic choir, the ministry fosters inclusivity and participation in numerous events such as the annual Kermes, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and Three Kings/Epiphany Celebration. Beyond the parish, they facilitate impactful services like the Mobile Mexican Consulate, benefiting over 500 Latinos, and collaborate with local authorities for initiatives like the



Henderson Police Department Latino Citizens Academy and community Celebration Dia de los Muertos at Central Park. Rooted in family values and driven by a commitment to increase youth involvement, marriage sacraments, religious education among Latino children, Diocesan Latino Families Retreat and ACTS small faith groups, the ministry embodies a spirit that is both welcoming and transformative. To get involved, contact Abraham Brown, [abrown@holynameparish.net](mailto:abrown@holynameparish.net).



## Christ's love for God's people by our compassion for all.

Holy Name Parish offers a vibrant **Religious Education Ministry** for Kindergarten through 8th grade, supported by 12 dedicated catechists and numerous volunteers. Activities include sacramental preparation, retreats, seasonal family events, blessings, and opportunities for Masses and missions. The ministry's achievements include providing families with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Catholicism together. The goal is to develop a retreat that is impactful and emphasizes family involvement. Through mentoring, empowering activities, and prayerful experiences, this ministry nurtures spiritual growth. To become involved, please contact Rose Wheeler at [rwheeler@holynameparish.net](mailto:rwheeler@holynameparish.net).



**OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**, humbly engages a team of 12 dedicated mentors in the weekly journey with families seeking to join the Catholic Church. Through Catholic Rites and vibrant community involvement, OCIA guides these families from curiosity to full initiation into the faith. Their goal is to develop a comprehensive program extending full initiation opportunities to children from 3rd grade onwards, ensuring a deep-rooted spiritual journey for the next generation. Know someone who might be interested in learning more, contact Rose Wheeler, [rwheeler@holynameparish.net](mailto:rwheeler@holynameparish.net).

The Ministry of **Eucharist Adoration** invites you to join us in our prayerful and fulfilling activity, held Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Our goal is to expand this glorious ministry, fostering deeper spiritual connection through dedicated adoration. For more information, please contact Dcn John Prough at [kprough49@gmail.com](mailto:kprough49@gmail.com). Come experience the transformative power of prayer with us.

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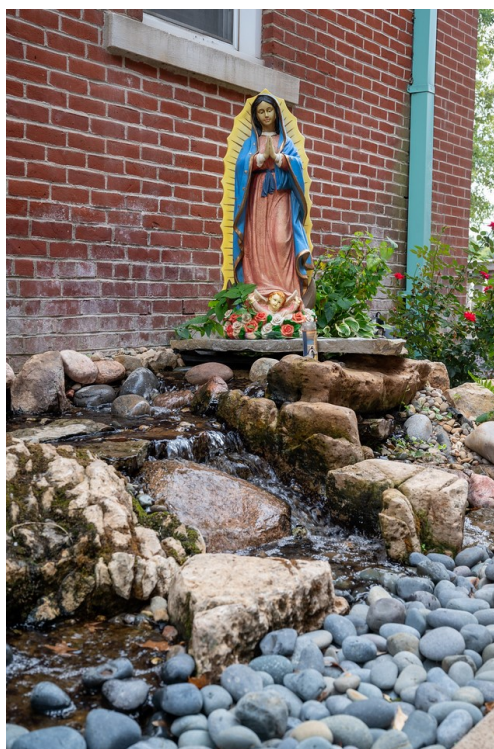
## Holy Name Parish At a Glance

### SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

45 Infant & Children Baptism  
11 Adult Baptism  
9 Professions of Faith  
28 First Communion  
52 Confirmation  
14 Marriages  
26 Deaths

### STATISTICS

1,186 Registered Households  
2,920 Registered Members  
955 Avg Wkly Mass Attendance  
50+ Active Ministries



### Parish Pastoral Council:

Bayardo Solorza, Chairperson

- Noel Canlas
- Jean Carver
- Angela Comer
- Mike Galbraith
- Mike Smith
- Reyna Toribio
- Marti Vickers

### Finance Committee:

Beth Knight, Chairperson

- Dick Beaven
- Steve Bridges
- Matt Conville
- Heath Fritz
- Travis Girten

*The gift you have received (from God), give as a gift (Matthew 10:8)*