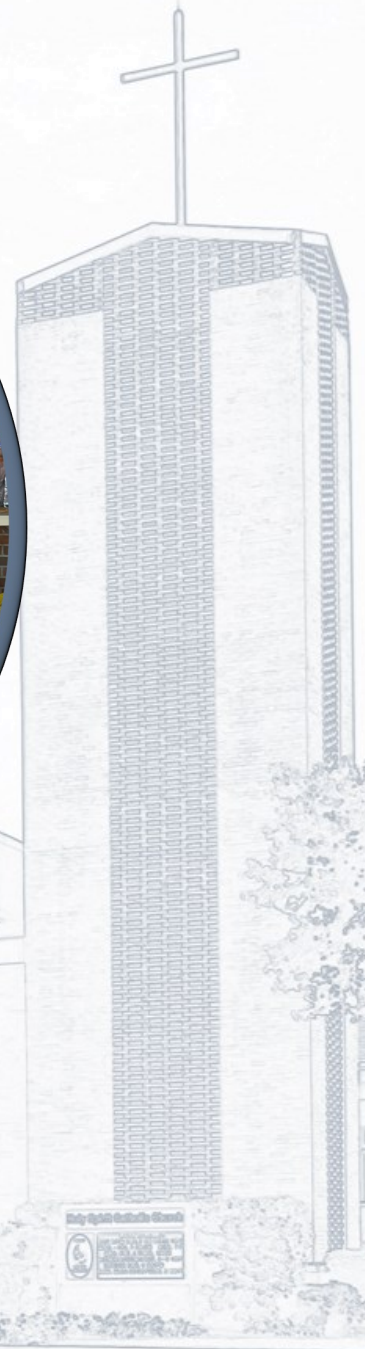
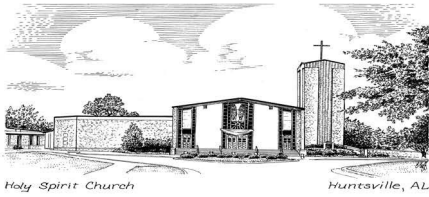


# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish



2024

Annual Report



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

625 Airport Road SW, Huntsville, Alabama 35802  
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January 31, 2025  
Feast of St. John Bosco

Dear Parish Family,

During 2024, Holy Spirit Parish was blessed with growth in many areas of parish life. Our sacramental life saw an increase in Mass attendance, Baptisms, First Communions, Marriages, and Confirmations. Thanks to the many volunteer hours and donations, Holy Spirit continues to serve as a parish which seeks to care for those in need. Our dedicated volunteers and catechists continue to faithfully share the Gospel to our children, teenagers, young adults, those seeking to receive the Sacraments, and all parishioners who desire to learn more about our Faith and our God. The many donations offered by our parishioners ensure that we can provide for the physical upkeep and maintenance of our parish facilities.

In addition, our parish continues its outreach to the needy through our St. Vincent de Paul Apostolate, which serves the needs of our brothers and sisters here in our own community, and our Haiti Mission, which serves the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Universal Church.

In all of these areas of our parish life, we have been graciously blessed with an abundance of growth as we continue our mission as the Body of Christ in South Huntsville!

Excitingly, growth in the life of our parish has manifested in one particular way through the renewal and renovation of certain areas of our physical plant and parish campus. As you will note later in this report, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our faithful parishioners, we were able to renew many physical spaces of our campus. We are hoping that this year will bring us other exciting opportunities as well! All of these projects are more than just replacing old equipment or adding a fresh coat of paint—they are physical manifestations of the growth in our community.

As we move forward, we recall that this year, 2025, will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. We are organizing events to make our Parish Feast Day Weekend, which is the Solemnity of Pentecost, June 6-8, 2025, a beautiful celebration of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our parish family. Mark your calendars! Celebrating the sending forth of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and upon our parish empowers us to continue forward on mission cooperating with Christ in the next 60 years of manifesting His transformative power in Huntsville.

Jesus Christ came to make all things new, and we participate in that renewal through our continual encounter with the person of Jesus!

Thank you for your dedication, care, love, and generosity to the Lord and our Parish Family!

In Christ Jesus,

*Fr. Daniel*

Fr. Daniel



We nourish, embrace, sustain, and celebrate the gift of faith through the Sacraments of the Church.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

216 individuals were baptized in 2024.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION**

173 children received the Sacrament of First Communion in 2024.



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

184 individuals received the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

47 couples entered into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in 2024.



**OCIA CANDIDATES**

31 individuals were received fully into the Catholic Church through our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes in 2024.

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Each October, Bishop Raica requests that we count the average weekly Mass attendance. In October 2024, approximately 2,900 individuals attended Mass each weekend. This includes Masses in English, Spanish, and Korean Languages.



**HOLY SPIRIT REGIONAL SCHOOL**

There are 475 students enrolled for the current 2024-2025 school year.

# 2024 REVENUE

Comparison of 2024 Actual Revenue to 2023 Actual Revenue			
REVENUE	2024	2023	% Difference
Weekly Offertory	2,259,968.53	2,293,792.84	-1.49%*
Development Fund	279,744.68	232,205.77	18.57%
Other Income	50,999.75	245.00	198.08%*
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,590,712.96</b>	<b>2,526,243.61</b>	<b>2.52%</b>
Religious Education	11,618.00	10,597.00	8.33%
Youth Program	66,029.31	63,329.07	4.17%
Memorial Donations	1,632.74	725.00	77.00%
Other Non-Taxable Receipts	56,135.21	51,517.87	8.58%
Pentecost Parish Festival	17,528.00	0	N/A**
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE</b>	<b>152,943.26</b>	<b>126,168.94</b>	<b>19.12%</b>
Haiti Mission	293,343.60	215,948.45	30.39%
Interest	24,816.45	25,061.39	-.98%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,061,816.27</b>	<b>2,893,422.39</b>	<b>5.66%</b>

Parish general revenue in 2024 was \$2,590,712.96, of which 87% or \$2,259,968.53 was general offertory, 11% or \$279,744.68 was Development Fund, and 2% or \$50,999.75 was Other Income.

Our parish is truly blessed by the generosity of its parishioners. In 2024, Program Revenues totaled \$152,943.26. This included donations and fees to education and youth programming, flower donations, and parish hall rentals.

\*In 2024, end-of-the-year gifts began to be tracked as Other Income. In previous fiscal years, such gifts were categorized as Weekly Offering.

\*\*In 2024, we held our first Pentecost Parish Festival, and the income received from that event was used to support our parish programming. In Spanish, such a Parish Festival is traditionally called a “Kermes”.

# 2024 EXPENSES

Comparison of 2024 Actual Expense to 2023 Actual Expense			
EXPENSE	2024	2023	% Difference
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,106,618.96</b>	<b>1,166,773.88</b>	<b>-5.29%</b>
General Administrative	86,208.95	85,603.97	0.70%
Commercial Insurance	77,255.00	13,280.00	141.33%*
Liturgical Supplies	21,056.47	26,710.34	-23.67%
Office Supplies	24,979.20	16,085.12	43.32%
Contract Services	11,136.00	5,301.80	70.99%
Repairs & Maintenance	189,290.72	185,623.63	1.96%
Sacristy	30,053.37	30,354.67	-1.00%
Supplies (non-office)	54,548.96	52,955.22	2.96%
Diocesan Assessment	312,366.01	304,287.33	2.62%
Utilities	112,561.44	103,578.88	8.31%
Workshops & Retreats	11,706.90	17,246.82	-38.27%
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>921,162.92</b>	<b>841,747.78</b>	<b>9.01%</b>
Religious Education	55,313.55	67,938.80	-20.49%
Youth Programs	119,072.65	91,111.78	26.61%
Kitchen Supplies and Food Costs	35,800.57	40,187.84	-11.55%
Miscellaneous Program Costs	2,227.52	14,196.19	-145.75%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE</b>	<b>212,414.29</b>	<b>213,434.81</b>	<b>-0.48%</b>
<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>302,540.86</b>	<b>231,770.51</b>	<b>26.49%</b>
Haiti Mission	263,049.55	206,870.96	23.91%
Capital Improvements	199,907.28	66,861.00	99.75%**
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>3,005,693.86</b>	<b>2,739,484.56</b>	<b>9.27%</b>

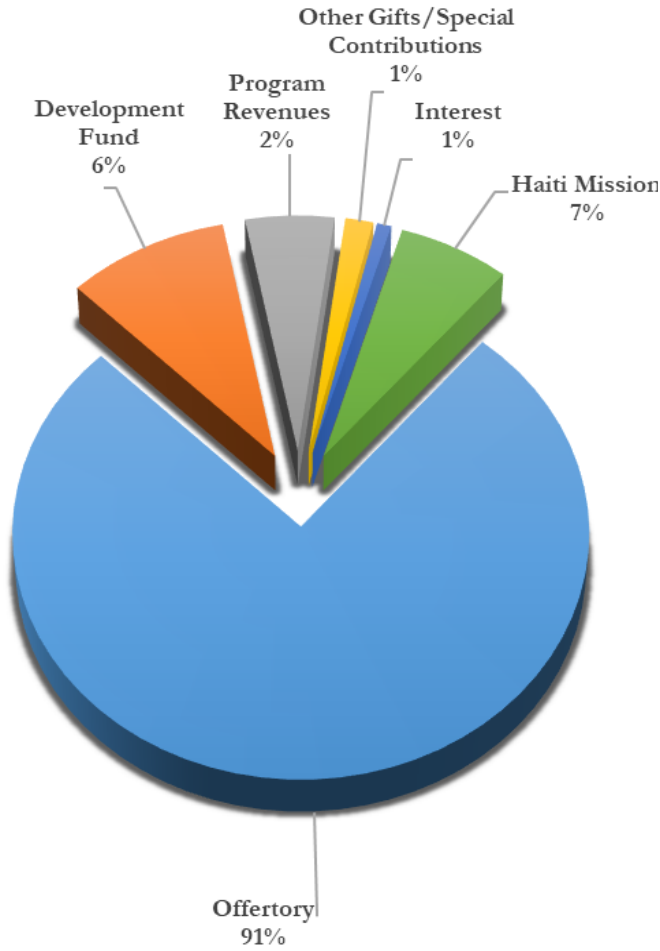
Total personnel expense totaled \$1,106,618.96, which includes salaries and fringe benefits for the parish staff. Total Administrative Expense totaled \$921,162.92 of which the largest items include insurance, repairs & maintenance, diocesan assessment, and utilities. Program expense totaled \$212,414.29 and includes expenses related to religious education, music, and parish social events. Other disbursements totaled \$302,540.86, which includes school subsidies, donations to local charities, donations on behalf of the parish to the Haiti Mission, and gifts. Within the category of Other Disbursements, in 2024 a one-time gift of \$100,000 was offered on behalf of the parish to the renovation of the Monastery at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman, AL.

\*The commercial insurance payment for 2023 was paid out over a period of several months, meaning several payments were disbursed in 2024. For 2024, we opted to pay the sum total at once, thus receiving a discount. For this reason, there is a larger percentage difference between the two fiscal years.

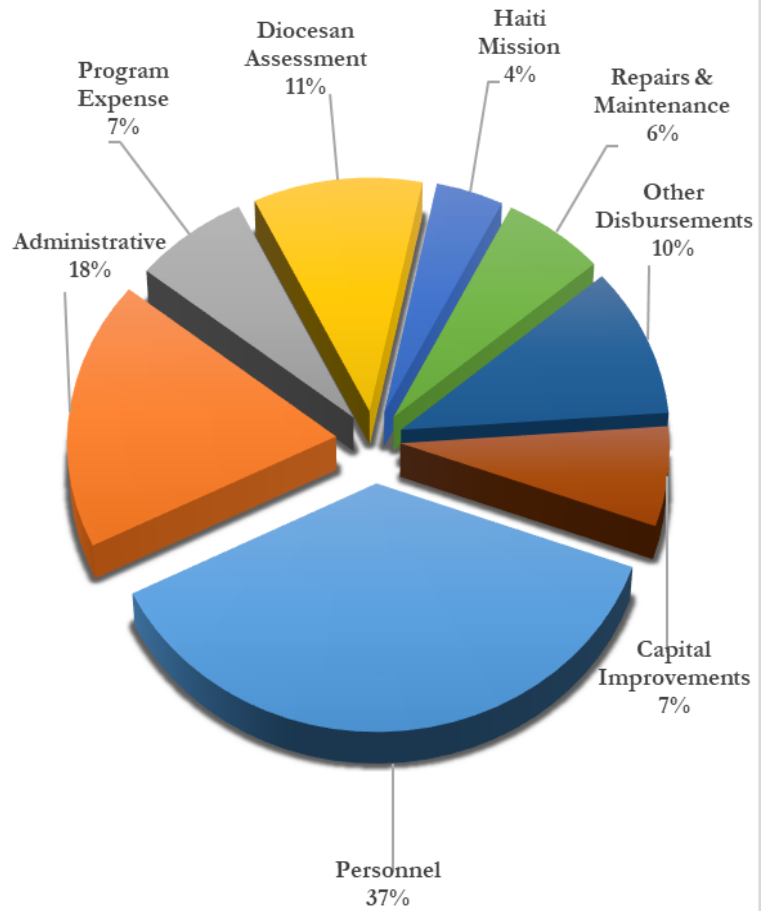
\*\*Funds used for capital improvements had largely been saved from prior fiscal years from donations to the Development Fund. Please see page 7 for more information concerning the Development Fund.

# 2024 REVENUE

# 2024 EXPENSE



- Offertory
- Development Fund
- Program Revenues
- Other Gifts/Special Contributions
- Interest
- Haiti Mission



- Personnel
- Administrative
- Program Expense
- Diocesan Assessment
- Haiti Mission
- Repairs & Maintenance
- Other Disbursements
- Capital Improvements

# THE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Thanks to the generosity of our many parishioners, throughout the 2024 Fiscal Year many projects were completed in order to update or renovate major areas of the physical plant of our parish church. These projects were completed using funds that had been saved in the Development Fund. Since over the years the Development Fund had grown to a healthy amount, it was decided that projects throughout the physical plant should be identified for renovation and categorized by priority.

In determining which projects are eligible to be completed using the Development Fund, the Finance Council makes its recommendation to the Pastor or his delegate according to the following criteria:

- An asset that is capitalized according to the Parish Capitalization Policy adapted in 2020
- Building renovation expense
- Building growth or expansion expense
- Not to be used for routine repairs or maintenance

Below is a listing of the many wonderful projects that have been completed due to the collections saved in the Development Fund.

- Total renovation of the Bridal Room
- Total renovation of the Multipurpose Room
- Total renovation of the Parish Bookstore
- Replacing one of the 30-year-old HVAC systems in the Church
- Replacing 30-year-old Fan Coil units in the Activity Center
- Relocation of our internet server to a more secure location
- Replacing HVAC Grills in Church

All these projects were completed without any extra fundraising efforts thanks to the generosity of our parishioners!

*The importance of this annual report is that it supports in documentary form that the temporal goods of our parish are being used for the proclamation of the Gospel through participation in the Sacramental life of the Church and through formation and evangelization.*



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