



The Eucharist Revival, which is occurring across the country, is a three-year grassroots effort to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord.



# Christ's Mission

APPEAL



A message from Bishop Gruss....

As Catholics we are called by the Lord to take responsibility for caring for our Church - to further the mission of Jesus Christ in our world, in our time. The task of caring for the Church is not limited to those within our own parish or even our own city or town. We are missioned to do good and share what we have with those who we know - and with strangers.

Christ's Mission Appeal is the primary opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese of Saginaw to support one another through widespread ministries that impact all 56 of our parishes and well beyond.

All gifts, no matter the amount, touch the lives of the people we serve in our diocese. Your sacrificial support is very much appreciated as it helps us to continue and expand the Lord's work.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to Christ's Mission Appeal. As always, please know of my prayers for all the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw.

May God bless you and your families!

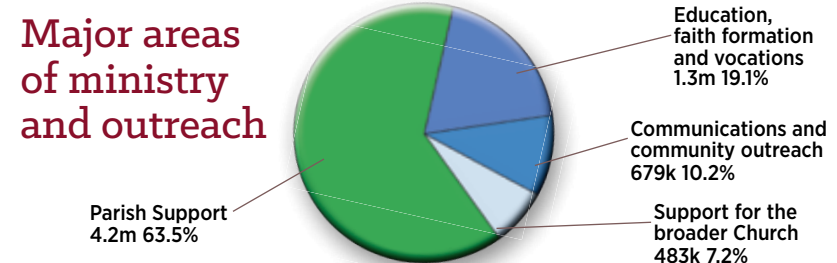
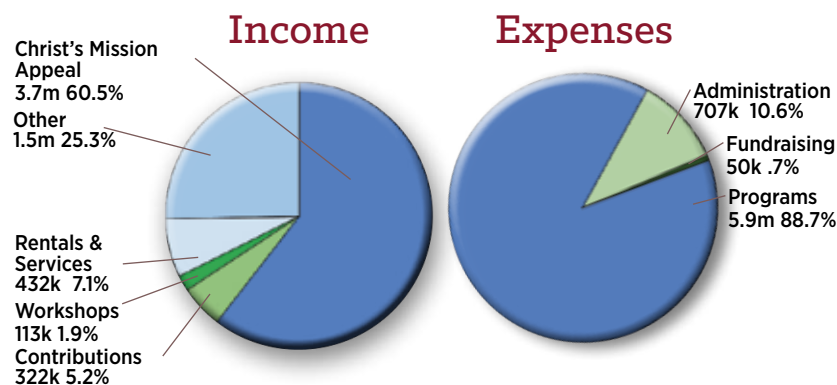
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Catholic Diocese of SAGINAW

## Financials

(Three Fiscal Year Average 2020-2022)



**What Christ's Mission Appeal Does Not Support**

Christ's Mission Appeal contributions are not used and will never be used for the legal defense of clergy accused of sexual abuse.

GOAL \$3,877,650

## Ways to Give

### Secure Online:

[www.saginaw.org/appeal](http://www.saginaw.org/appeal)

Click on the "GIVE" button

This will direct you to options for making secure monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit/debit card or a bank account number.

### By Mail:

Please complete the pledge card that is included in your Christ's Mission Appeal mailing and return it in the envelope provided. Please return the pledge card to the Diocese of Saginaw.

### In Person:

You also may return the pledge card to your parish office or the Chancery Office, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

### For other ways to give:

For information about matching gifts, stock transfer gifts and qualified charitable distributions gifts, please go to: [www.saginaw.org/appeal](http://www.saginaw.org/appeal)

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Do not neglect to do good and share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

Hebrews 13:16

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw  
56 parishes  
11 counties  
85,000 Catholics



### Mission of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

Trusting in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the faithful of the Diocese of Saginaw are companions on the journey to share the love of Jesus Christ.

**Christ's Mission Appeal supports and sustains ministries and programs that would not otherwise be possible through one parish or individual. Your generosity helps to carry out the mission of Christ's Church throughout the Diocese.**

## Trusting in the Holy Spirit

From teaching volunteers in parishes how to effectively minister to those who are grieving to tips on engaging youth and young adults in the faith, Christ's Mission Appeal dollars are at work. A wide variety of offerings from the Diocese of Saginaw are available to parish leaders and staff, parish members and those interested in becoming Catholic.

Some of these include marriage preparation and enrichment, learning meaningful ministry to the sick and homebound, training for leaders of youth preparing for

the Sacraments and of Order of Christian Initiation for Adults or OCIA (formerly Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA) and instruction for Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion. This past year, the diocesan Office of Parish Life and Evangelization conducted an Enrichment Day for people from throughout the Diocese to learn, and in turn take their knowledge back to their individual parishes.

**(RIGHT) Joe Plas, a parishioner and commissioned lay minister at St. Agnes Parish in Freeland, asks a question at the Diocesan Enrichment Day.**



**(ABOVE) Beth Bauer, coordinator of marriage and family ministry for the Diocese of Saginaw, presents at the Diocesan Enrichment Day.**



## Companions on the Journey

Christ's Mission Appeal also helps to provide education and formation for religious and lay leaders for the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. This includes seminarians who are studying and discerning to become priests, those in permanent diaconate training and those preparing to become commissioned lay ministers. Lay ministers provide for essential needs at their parishes ranging from assisting

with liturgies to outreach to parishioners.

The Appeal also was important in the work that was done and continues at the Diocese of Saginaw level for Synod 2023: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission" convoked by Pope Francis in October 2021. Training for Synod leaders in the diocese's 56 parishes, assistance with hosting Synod listening sessions with parish members, students and community members took place. The results of those sessions brought about broad concerns and opinions as well as awareness of issues at parish levels. Cooperation with diocesan departments and parish leadership are developing to resolve those concerns.



**(ABOVE) Matthew Gembrowski addresses the congregation following his ordination as a transitional deacon.**

**(LEFT) Rev. Jack Johnson, who has served as a priest in the Diocese of Saginaw for more than 50 years, has a good time at a priests' jubilee celebration.**

## Nourished by the Eucharist



Just as all other Catholic dioceses and archdioceses across the United States, the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw is putting great emphasis on the Eucharist Revival. In the inaugural year of the three-year national movement, the Diocese of Saginaw will focus on parish-level training and events to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord through devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Much of those efforts from a diocesan level will be supported by Christ's Mission Appeal.

The Appeal also helps to fund the livestreaming of daily and Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption and other special liturgies. The livestreaming enables hundreds of people who are unable to attend Mass in-person the opportunity to participate in the liturgy and make a "Spiritual Communion."

**(ABOVE) Two young friends look carefully at their worship aid during the procession for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. (RIGHT) Bishop Gruss greets a young man at the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election marks the beginning of the final phase of preparations for candidates and catechumens who will receive the Sacraments of initiation.**



## Share the Love of Jesus Christ



**(ABOVE) Fr. Jose Cabrera, pastor at All Saints Parish in Bay City, greets a participant at a Mass for farm workers in Caro.**

Christ's Mission Appeal also helps to make possible scores of other events and ministries, such as First Friday Masses and talks with Bishop Gruss, special gatherings such as a men's conference, liturgies such as the annual Red Mass for those in the legal profession and the White Mass for those in the healthcare profession; and gatherings and assistance for migrant workers in the region and seed blessings for farming communities.

**(BELOW) Hon. Patrick McGraw, chief judge of Saginaw County Probate Court, and Hon. Dawn Klida, a Bay County District judge at the annual Red Mass for legal professionals.**

