

# Ascension Parish

Pastor: Rev. Arun Lakra

## Carbondale Deanery

- Ascension, Forest City
- Christ the King, Archbald
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale
- Queen of Angels, Jessup
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Peckville
- Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Jermyn
- Saint Katharine Drexel, Pleasant Mount
- Saint Rose of Lima, Carbondale

## PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of Households	316	329	380	400	422
Number of Parishioners	591	610	733	804	835
Total Number of Weekend Masses	2	2	2	2	2
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	171	169	202	66	304

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Baptisms	1	2	6	7	13
First Holy Communions	4	6	16	2	11
Confirmations	5	4	15	2	17
RCIA/Baptism	0	0	0	0	0
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	2	0
Marriages	2	1	0	3	3
Funerals	56	59	35	43	50

## FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Religious Education K-8	68	35	31	58	80
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	0	6	-	-	4
Adult Faith Formation	0	0	0	0	0

\*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2023 data is from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.



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**Parish Financial Report**  
**Ascension Parish - Forest City**  
**TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	211,818	212,308	202,183	214,735	242,718
Faith Formation Fees	380	440	440	1,790	465
Fundraising/Development	113,513	34,827	89,042	19,232	221,587
Other Income	16,303	13,645	46,005	60,283	17,878
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	1,497	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	13,551	-	14,750	40,322	30,975
Diocesan Special Collections	-	16,664	11,723	12,432	17,778
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>357,062</b>	<b>277,884</b>	<b>364,143</b>	<b>348,794</b>	<b>531,401</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	117,401	111,234	141,075	124,656	100,231
Rectory	7,010	5,474	8,256	7,542	10,411
Liturgy	38,673	22,876	12,375	25,640	37,527
Faith Formation	4,792	5,901	6,135	7,188	7,278
Social Justice	-	4,946	6,635	5,482	6,493
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	58,729	39,327	44,700	101,351	208,525
Fixed Expense	25,926	26,627	20,871	20,977	20,738
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	1,954	10	-	2,700	53,375
Catholic School Assessment	43,863	32,615	64,736	39,039	44,894
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	-	12,458	10,314	19,161
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>298,348</b>	<b>249,010</b>	<b>317,241</b>	<b>344,889</b>	<b>508,633</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>58,714</b>	<b>28,874</b>	<b>46,902</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>22,768</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>19,687</b>	<b>(12,986)</b>	<b>6,675</b>	<b>(13,376)</b>	<b>-</b>
	**(SEE NOTE)**				
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>78,401</b>	<b>15,888</b>	<b>53,577</b>	<b>(9,471)</b>	<b>22,768</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	19,687	6,701	13,376	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	19,687	6,701	13,376	-	-
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>19,687</b>	<b>(12,986)</b>	<b>6,675</b>	<b>(13,376)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PARISH ASSETS/LIABILITIES</b>					
Operating Accounts	190,322	106,799	98,543	51,194	47,091
Diocesan Savings	293,625	287,812	282,113	292,797	278,314
Designated Accounts	-	20,618	80,045	74,495	74,495
Endowment Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>483,947</b>	<b>415,229</b>	<b>460,701</b>	<b>418,486</b>	<b>399,900</b>
<b>Diocesan Loan/Debt</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>