

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I often reflect on God's faithfulness and your goodness to me and to our parish, and I marvel at how blessed I am to be a priest and your pastor. St. Catherine's is truly a parish community of families and individuals striving, as our mission states, *"to live as committed disciples of Jesus Christ through prayer, education, fellowship, and charity."*

As you know, we are an exceptionally large parish of over 3200 households with so many parishioners who give very generously of their time, talent, and treasure to help support our parish and our schools. As a result, our parish is extremely active and fruitful. We have dozens of spiritual, faith formation, fellowship, and outreach programs and ministries for children, adults, and families. And most importantly, we are a parish that loves the Lord Jesus in His Word and Sacraments and are seeking to continue grow in our knowledge and love of Him.

In essence, we are a parish ***Embracing the Call to Holiness***. Consequently, this is the theme that I have chosen for our new stewardship of treasure program this year. Even though, as I mentioned, our parish is extremely active and fruitful, there is still a great deal of work to be done as we live out our mission. As we begin this stewardship program, I ask you to please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can play an active role in continuing the important work of our parish. **Our goal is to engage as many of our parishioners as we can and increase our Sunday offertory contributions significantly** to continue to build up our own community and also to bring the truth and love of Jesus to as many people as possible even beyond our own community.

On October 14-15, we will be holding a special Commitment Weekend, and I will be inviting our parishioners to come together and make a financial commitment that will allow St. Catherine's to continue our important mission. By participating in our Embracing the Call to Holiness campaign we have the opportunity to respond to God's call for our lives and truly be a light to our community and to our world.

Thank you again for prayers and for your generosity and commitment to our parish!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Neil Dhabliwala*

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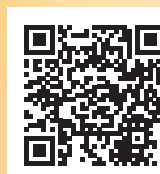
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## Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



## Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update your current online gift amount at <https://osvhub.com/stcatherinercc>



Use your **offering envelope** and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax advantaged charitable gifts** such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at 770-429-7139

# Embracing the *Call* to Holiness



KENNESAW, GA



## Our Mission



Here, united in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we do great things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, the members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ daily. We value discipleship and evangelization.

# 3,253

Families in our parish

## 220

Baptisms

## 116

First Communions

## 335

Confirmations

## 28

Funerals

## 461

Children in Full-time School

## 890

Children in Religious Ed

## 49

RCIA Candidates

## Our Community



As we strive to love one another better, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship isn't a code word for financial support. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ and engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. Remembering that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

# 898

Masses said in our church each year

## 8,760

Hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration

## 520

Visits by Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound

## 155

Parishioners served in Liturgical Ministry

## 48

Greeters + Ushers welcomed parishioners

## Our Witness



We know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the truth stated so eloquently by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

# \$663,825

Contributed to St. Vincent de Paul

## 6,240

Families received Food Assistance

## 3,987

Caseworker Volunteer Hours Served

## 3,540

Families received Utilities Assistance

## 2,496

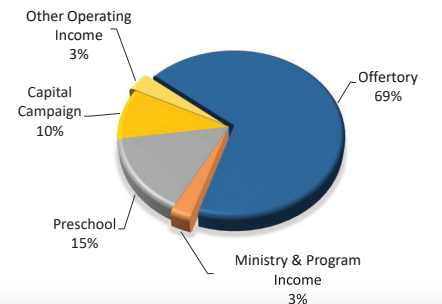
Food Pantry Volunteer Hours Served

## Financial Snapshot: 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

### Operating Income

Offertory	\$2,334,096.00
Ministry & Program Income	\$93,776.00
Preschool	\$510,880.48
Capital Campaign	\$334,596.00
Other Operating Income	\$120,237.00

**Total Operating Income** **\$3,393,585.48**



### Operating Expenses

General Operating Expense	\$1,438,438.00
Ministry & Program Expense	\$604,323.00
Prechool	\$483,738.31
Capital Expenses	\$509,173.00

**Total Operating Expense** **\$3,035,672.31**

**Net Operating Surplus** **\$357,913.17**

