



MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH

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Dear Parishioners,

Imagine having only five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 people. A small gift from a little boy who shared everything he had with Jesus made this miracle possible. This Lent, I invite you to think about the blessings you have received from God, and prayerfully consider sharing those blessings, through your stewardship, during this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Receive and Share is the theme for our 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. It is important to understand that when you *Share* your gifts with our Parish and Diocese, many others are able to *Receive* because of your generosity. Your donations are critical to forming future Priests, Permanent Deacons, and the young faithful who will be asked to provide leadership for our Church in the years to come.

Last year our parish raised **\$283,318** during the 2023 DLA and received back \$84,936 which we have set aside for the new lighting project in the church. This year, we are hoping to raise \$300,000 to meet our Diocesan target of \$209,271, with the extra funds earmarked for several capital improvements around the parish, including repaving the driveway from Evergreen Road and the upper and middle parking lots, and the renovation of the restrooms on both levels of the church.

As we move through Lent, I again ask you to reflect prayerfully on the gifts that you have received. Be mindful that God first shared himself with each of us through His Son's passion, death and resurrection, offering us the possibility of eternal life, which is the most important gift of all. We cannot separate receiving this gift from God with our obligation to share our blessings with others by opening our hearts in charity.

That is why I am humbly asking you to support God's work and make your gift online at dioceseofgreensburg.org/ReceiveandShare or return the lower portion of this letter with your gift. Remember that your gift can be made as a pledge over 10 months.

I pray for God's special blessings upon you and your family, so that your hearts will be filled with faith, hope, love, and joy as we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, D.Min.
Pastor