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Dear brothers and sisters.

As the year draws to a close, I want to thank all of you for your support and generosity over the past year. 2023 was certainly a year full of beautiful moments but also challenging ones, and I'm grateful for your faithfulness through it all. Because of you, we've been able to continue to offer the life-giving grace of Christ through the sacraments, to maintain our beautiful place of worship, welcome new members into our community, contribute to the needs of the greater church and of the poor, and form our children and young people to know and love Christ.

As we draw near to Christmas and the celebration of the Lord's Incarnation, we remember that Jesus Christ emptied Himself out of love for us, and that "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." I ask that you please consider giving generously to St. Mary's in your end of year giving, so that our parish can continue our work of being an instrument of the riches of God's grace to the community in Muskegon. In particular, your support helps to:

- Maintain our place of worship: From maintaining the structure and beauty of our church building to the installation of new speakers for greater clarity and quality of sound, your contributions help ensure that St. Mary's continues to be a parish that exists for the glory of God.
- Support our staff: Your support makes the work of our dedicated staff possible and enables us to pay them a just wage for their faithful work for the gospel in our community.
- Faith formation: The children, youth, and adults of our community are able to be served and formed to know and love God and their neighbor because of your support.
- Serving the needy: Our food pantry has been busier than ever, and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will be going out to many families during the holiday season thanks to your generosity.

I continue to pray that what was true of the apostolic Church would be true of us today, that the community of believers will be of one heart and one soul, that with great power we will give testimony to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and that there will not be a needy person among us.

Know of my prayers for you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Rev. Kyle Kitzpelt



Ways to Give

Online

Visit our website at <https://stmarysmuskegon.org/> to make a secure online donation.

In Person

Please place your check in the Weekend Mass collection with "Year End Appeal" in the memo field or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Critical Need

We have a special need to support the food pantry in order to continue to meet the needs of many families.

Scan to Give:



As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.