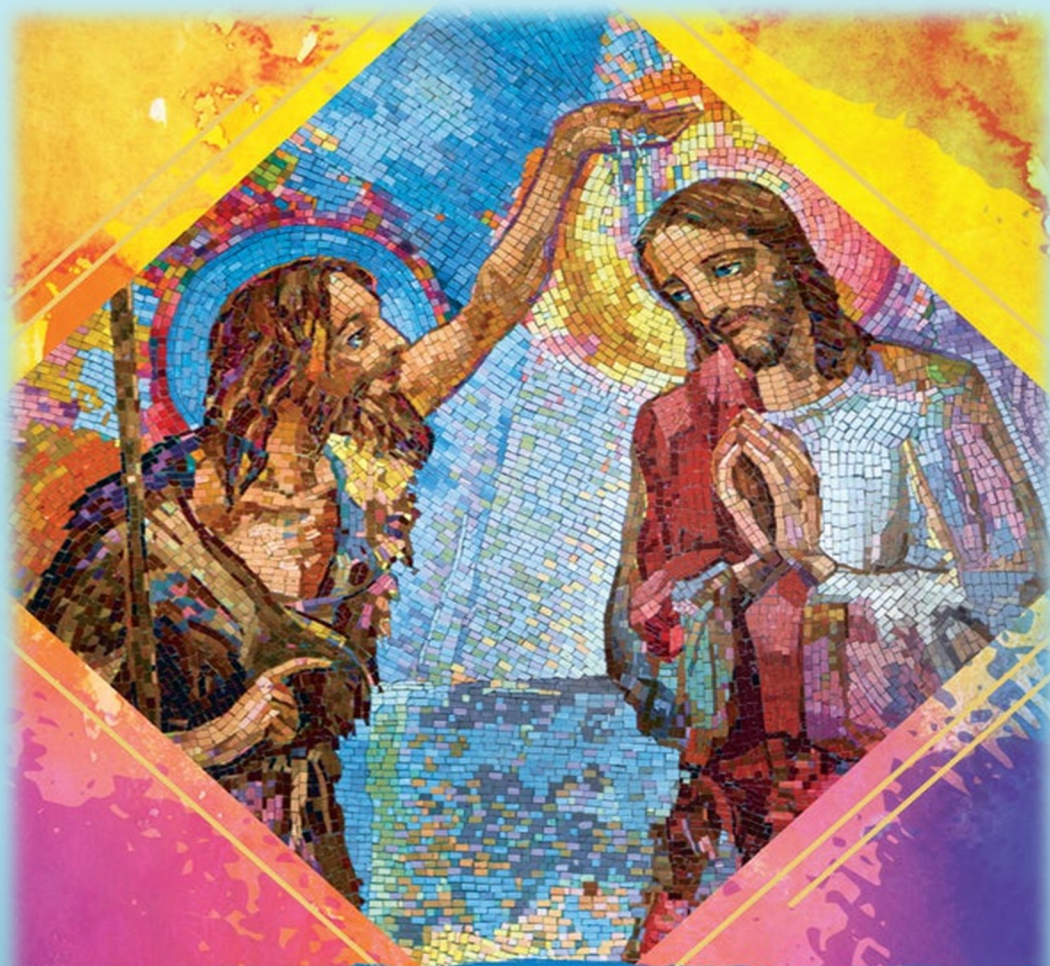
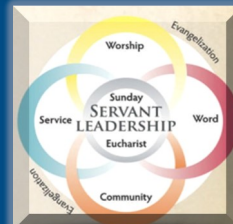




# ST. PAUL PARISH

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

January 15, 2023



## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away  
the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29

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### ST. PAUL CHURCH

Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m.- Daily Mass  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.— Vigil Mass  
Sunday 8a.m. & 10:30a.m.

### ST. CLARE CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary  
Monday-Friday 4p.m.-5p.m.  
Rosary begins at 4:30 p.m.

**Rev. Mon. Neil J. Van Loon, V.F., Pastor**  
Deacon John A. Hanni

**St. Paul Staff**

Rita Cicco - Director of Religious Education

Robert Fitzsimmons - Sacristan

Eugene Mentz - Director of Liturgical Music

Marci Stevens-Scanlon - Administrative Assistant

Phoebe Wilson - Operations Manager



## St. Paul Parish

Lord God, you appointed Paul your apostle to preach the good news of salvation to the nations. May his example and prayers inspire the faithful of our parish to be more fully Alive in Christ.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity so that we may please you in our thoughts, words and deeds and be witnesses to hope that does not disappoint.

May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints be our constant encouragement so that we may walk worthily as disciples of Your Son.

*Amen*



### St. Paul Church

Corner of Penn Avenue  
and Marion Street,  
Scranton, PA 18509

### St. Paul Rectory

1510 Penn Ave.,  
Scranton, PA 18509  
Phone: 570-961-1549

Fax: 570-961-0335

Office Hours: Mon-Fri

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS- Sat.-4pm

8 am Mass ~ Mon.-Sat.

4:30 Mass ~ Sat. (Vigil)

8 am & 10:30 am ~ Sun

### St. Clare Church

2235 N. Washington Ave.

Adoration and Rosary

Monday ~ Friday

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

### FOOD PANTRY

FRIDAYS: 3pm ~ 4:30 pm

St. Clare Church Basement

### JOIN US FOR MASS

Join us on Facebook at St.  
Paul's Parish for our  
live-streaming of the  
Celebration of Mass.

info@stpaulscranton.org

Facebook ~ Saint Paul's

Parish Scranton

[www.stpaulscranton.org](http://www.stpaulscranton.org)

### Sacrament of Baptism

All first time parents are  
asked to attend  
a baptismal preparation  
meeting prior  
to the Baptism.

Please call the parish  
office to schedule dates.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

A meeting with the  
parish priest should  
precede all other  
wedding plans. Contact  
the parish  
office at least six months  
before  
date of the intended  
marriage.

### Sacrament of Holy Anointing

All who are seriously  
sick, hospitalized,  
or having surgery can  
receive this sacrament.  
Please call the rectory  
if you wish to be  
anointed.

### Sponsor Cards

Sponsor cards for  
Baptism or Confirmation  
will be issued to  
parishioners who attend  
Mass regularly;  
are Baptized and  
Confirmed Catholics;  
are married in  
conformity with the  
laws of the Church.



## ST. PAUL MASS INTENTIONS

### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 14 Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. † Dorothy Maguire (Paul & Mary Theresa Paterson)

Sunday, January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Patrick & Margaret Boland (Joe Donohue & Family)

10:30 a.m. † Thomas P. Quinn (The Walsh Family)

Monday, January 16 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Scott Eshelman (Mom, Dad, Todd & Blake)

Tuesday, January 17 St. Anthony

8:00 a.m. † John M. Dougherty (Pete & Margie Parinisi)

Wednesday, January 18 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Al Senavitis (Wife, Gloria)

Thursday, January 19 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James Wolfe (Rachel Paukett)

Friday, January 20 Weekday

8:00 a.m. † James P. Kennedy (Family)

Saturday, January 21 Vigil: Second Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Willard & Rosella Palla (Family)

4:30 p.m. † Frank, Veronica & Lucille Shimkus (Family)

Sunday, January 22 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Members of the Parish

† Sylvia Schmidt Odgers (Family)

10:30 a.m. † Paul Dougherty (Alicia Dougherty)



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jessica Romano. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, And I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



We ask for your ongoing prayers for Deacon John Hanni of our parish as he convalesces.

## REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR:



### St. Paul's Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Robert Holtham

With Love From:

St. Paul Parish

### St. Paul's St. Joseph Candle

In Loving Memory of:

† Vince Pappalardo

With Love From:

Helen, Robbie & Noel

### St. Paul's Marian Candle

† Mary Lou McDonald

With Love From:

St. Paul Parish



### St. Paul's Wine and Host

† Sr. Mary William Philbin, IHM

With Love From:

Family

## Food Pantry Hours: Fridays 3-4:30pm

## Food Pantry Volunteers for Friday January 20

Judy Fedor, Mary Lou Riley, Kathy Manley, Jean Weinschenk, Jody Maloney, Barbara Burkhouse

## St. Paul Food Pantry Donations

### In Loving Memory of:

† Ann Wendolowski

With Love,

John &  
Roseanne  
Skaluba

### In Loving Memory of:

† Alice T. Grogan

With Love,

Penn State  
Scranton Campus  
Friends



### In Loving Memory of:

† Alice T. Grogan

With Love,

Allison L. Burns

### In Loving Memory of:

† Alice T. Grogan

With Love,

MaryAlice Grogan

The first meeting of "Kindness for Karen" will be held at 5:30pm on Monday, January 23rd at Stirna's Restaurant, 120 W Market St, Scranton, PA

Anyone interested in helping to plan this fundraiser for parishioner, Karen Finnerty is encouraged to attend.

The fundraiser will be held at La Buona Vita

200 Reilly St, Dunmore, PA on March 15th

Please email [mecoleman7@yahoo.com](mailto:mecoleman7@yahoo.com) or text/call 570-766-7385 if you can make it. All are welcome!

**THANK YOU**  
FOR ALL YOUR  
**GENEROUS  
SUPPORT**

**January 8, 2023**  
**OFFERTORY:**  
**\$8,441.00**  
**ONLINE: \$2,389.00**



*All registered parishioners will receive a yearly statement of giving in January.*  
*If you would like your tax deductible contributions to show on your 2022 statement, we must receive the donation by JAN. 15, 2023.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*January 15, 2023: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass.

That's why he is the Lamb of God. Father John Mui ©LPi

### Diocese of Scranton **DIOCESAN** ANNUAL APPEAL



**Every donation counts!!**  
**If you have not yet pledged, please...**  
**Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!**

**OUR PARISH IS AT**  
**64% OF OUR \$66,000 goal**

**Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.**

**Donate now at:**  
**[annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)**  
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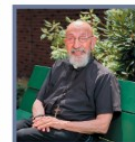


**16,670**  
households were served by four Catholic Social Services food pantries



**12,867**  
nights of Emergency Shelter were provided to those in need

**61** homeless Veterans were provided assistance at St. Francis Commons, Scranton; and **26** secured permanent housing



Donations helped care for more than **100** ill or retired priests

**19** schools received need-based scholarships and operating funds in support of more than **4,300** students



**189** couples prepared for the holy sacrament of marriage

The Parish Life staff was able to offer parishes **116** a variety of faith formation programs



Interested viewers accessed the Diocesan webpages approximately **750,000** times

Our Facebook posts reached over **182,000** individuals last year



**9** seminarians are currently studying to be priests in the Diocese

## CIVIL RIGHTS DAY

*(Rector Office will be closed in Observance, Monday Jan. 16th)*

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by

virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities. St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**  
**"REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!"**  
**A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF"**  
**16 JANUARY 2023**



## Financial Transparency FAQ

Through the Diocese of Scranton's listening efforts during the Synod on Synodality in 2022, one of the main themes that emerged from online surveys and in-person listening sessions was a broad demand for greater transparency from church leadership in all matters of importance. One of the areas frequently mentioned is parish financial matters.

On August 31, 2022, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera signed a decree instituting "Norms for Annual Parish Financial Reporting" which are to be considered law in the Diocese of Scranton. ***Each year beginning in 2023, on the second weekend in January, every parish in the Diocese will be required to publish a five-year financial trend analysis in its bulletin, which will include a narrative to help people understand the document. (narrative can be found on following page.)***

While a pastor/parish life coordinator is primarily responsible for the day-to-day supervision of a parish's financial and physical resources, they receive assistance from a Parish Finance Council. The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body of laypersons that advise a pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. It is widely accepted that an active, well-informed Parish Finance Council strengthens accountability and assists the pastor with his responsibilities.

Parishes are much more expensive to maintain now than they were in the past. As the Diocese of Scranton continues in its Vision 2030 Pastoral Planning Process, striving to meet the opportunities and challenges of the coming decade, it is critical for parishioners to have an understanding of the financial position of their parish.

It is the hope that by having more financial transparency between a parish and its parishioners, there can be greater trust and cooperation to further the mission of the Church. Pastors and parish staff must be open and consultative in the conducting of affairs and parishioners must accept responsibility for their parish and contribute generously to its programs and projects.

| <b>Parish Financial Report<br/>St. Paul - Scranton<br/>TREND ANALYSIS</b>   |                              |                |                |                 |                |
|---|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|   | Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30 |                |                |                 |                |
|   | 2022                         | 2021           | 2020           | 2019            | 2018           |
| <b>Revenue</b>  |                              |                |                |                 |                |
| Collections   | 513,597                      | 489,374        | 525,584        | 574,785         | 617,129        |
| Faith Formation Fees  | 4,913                        | 3,750          | 5,341          | 5,407           | 6,095          |
| Fundraising/Development   | 40,824                       | 17,232         | 43,537         | 33,365          | 52,352         |
| Other Income  | 74,650                       | 87,054         | 95,202         | 96,924          | 87,435         |
| Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan   | -                            | -              | 4,276          | -               | -              |
| Transfers Savings Account/Other   | 69,976                       | 22,333         | 41,098         | 19,063          | -              |
| Diocesan Special Collections  | 28,343                       | 14,913         | 23,557         | 29,030          | 35,662         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>  | <b>732,303</b>               | <b>634,656</b> | <b>738,595</b> | <b>758,574</b>  | <b>798,673</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                              |                |                |                 |                |
| Administration  | 299,682                      | 251,256        | 260,772        | 254,880         | 272,489        |
| Rectory   | 21,342                       | 33,461         | 32,341         | 34,855          | 58,608         |
| Liturgy   | 58,397                       | 62,155         | 53,794         | 94,994          | 81,449         |
| Faith Formation   | 32,883                       | 40,223         | 46,044         | 53,532          | 56,567         |
| Social Justice  | 12,076                       | 9,535          | 11,127         | 15,731          | 9,903          |
| Operation & Maintenance of Plant  | 106,268                      | 69,933         | 121,495        | 109,295         | 109,406        |
| Fixed Expense   | 25,171                       | 26,173         | 23,218         | 22,326          | 23,646         |
| Debt Service  | -                            | -              | -              | -               | -              |
| Capital Outlays   | -                            | -              | 16,032         | 22,464          | -              |
| Designated Expenses /Transfers Out  | 43,391                       | 13,368         | 10,861         | 16,587          | 15,276         |
| Catholic School Assessment  | 98,090                       | 112,875        | 108,535        | 103,387         | 108,624        |
| Diocesan Special Collections Remittance   | 10,542                       | 10,425         | 17,642         | 26,809          | 30,226         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>  | <b>707,842</b>               | <b>629,404</b> | <b>701,861</b> | <b>754,860</b>  | <b>766,194</b> |
| <b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>  | <b>24,461</b>                | <b>5,252</b>   | <b>36,734</b>  | <b>3,714</b>    | <b>32,479</b>  |
| <b>(Increase)/Decrease In Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>   | <b>*(SEE NOTE)*</b>          |                |                |                 |                |
|   | (14,824)                     | 26,324         | (9,209)        | (23,056)        | 1,897          |
| <b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>  | <b>9,637</b>                 | <b>31,576</b>  | <b>27,525</b>  | <b>(19,342)</b> | <b>34,376</b>  |
| <b>**NOTE**</b>   |                              |                |                |                 |                |
| Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses. |                              |                |                |                 |                |
| <b>End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>  | <b>38,752</b>                | <b>23,928</b>  | <b>50,252</b>  | <b>41,043</b>   | <b>17,987</b>  |
| <b>Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>  | <b>23,928</b>                | <b>50,252</b>  | <b>41,043</b>  | <b>17,987</b>   | <b>19,884</b>  |
| <b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>   | <b>(14,824)</b>              | <b>26,324</b>  | <b>(9,209)</b> | <b>(23,056)</b> | <b>1,897</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>     |



# Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

## REVENUE

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

## EXPENSES

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraticum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.

- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

## Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase** or **decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

## (Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

## Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

**This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.**

## Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

## Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

## YEARLY STATEMENT

*All registered parishioners will receive a yearly statement of giving in January 2023. Many people enjoy using Christmas and Year's End as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impact their Federal and State Income taxes.*

Year End giving provides many advantages to you, the donor.

- All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for the tax year 2022 ·

A year end donation can be used to memorialize a loved one for the holidays. · If you itemize, your gift will lessen your tax liability for 2021.

- If you do not itemize, your Christmas gift may be just the right decision to allow you to itemize and lower your tax bill (check with tax advisor).

***If you would like your tax deductible contributions to show on your 2022 statement, we must receive the money by JAN. 15, 2023.***