



*“I went from  
needing help...  
to becoming  
the hands that  
help others.”*



**Catholic  
Charities**  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

*2026 Appeal*

**Yours are the hands  
*with which He blesses  
all the world.***

Christ has no body  
but yours, no hands,  
no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which He  
sees compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which  
He walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which  
He blesses all the world.





Dear Friend,

My name is Renee. I came to Bishop Cosgrove Center (Cleveland) in 2016. At the time, I was homeless, on drugs, and drinking. I was tired, and I didn't know how to stop. I wanted a new life—a changed life.

My husband had passed away in 2015. I stayed at the shelter downtown. During the day, I would go to Cosgrove for breakfast and lunch, then return to the shelter at night.

On November 16, 2016, I gave my life to the Lord. God is a big part of my life. He cleaned me up and changed my life, and I am so very grateful.

One day, the cook needed help in the kitchen and at the serving window, and I said yes. That's how I started volunteering at Bishop Cosgrove Center. I volunteered for five years and was honored to receive Volunteer of the Year and the Most Treasured Volunteer Award.

When COVID came, everything shut down—but I stayed and continued to serve.

Over time, I was able to move into an apartment downtown. Then, through a COVID relief program, God opened the door to a job. That opportunity helped me get my foot in the door.

I was later invited to St. Augustine Hunger Center. I started as a part-time program assistant, and today I am a full-time service worker and safety officer.

I am a mother of four grown children. In 2024, I received a call no parent should ever get—my oldest son had died in a house fire. It was devastating. But I held on to my faith.

In 2025, my daughter and I were able to buy a house.

So you see, I went from homelessness, to an apartment, to volunteering, to a meaningful job—and now to a home.

Places like Bishop Cosgrove were there for me when I had nowhere else to go. Because of support from people like you, I was given help, hope, and a second chance.

Today, I have the opportunity to serve others in need—just as someone once served me.

**When you step out by faith and trust God, anything is possible.**

**Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.**



With gratitude,  
Renee

# 2026 APPEAL GOAL: \$15,300,000

## PARISH GOALS

Pledge amounts as of 4/10/26

Parish	Pledge	Goal	% of Goal	Parish	Pledge	Goal	% of Goal	Parish	Pledge	Goal	% of Goal
Assumption - Broadview Heights	\$142,752	\$163,037	87.56%	St. Anne - Wadsworth	\$3,275	\$11,191	29.27%	St. Lucy - Middlefield	\$36,783	\$40,400	91.05%
Blessed Trinity - Akron	\$30,033	\$36,940	81.3%	St. Anselm - Chesterland	\$84,359	\$91,612	92.08%	St. Luke - Lakewood	\$93,421	\$92,026	101.52%
Blessed Trinity - Cleveland	\$34,368	\$29,094	118.13%	St. Anthony of Padua - Akron	\$14,556	\$39,764	36.6%	St. Mark - Cleveland	\$91,814	\$80,802	113.63%
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist - Cleveland	\$119,949	\$115,682	103.69%	St. Anthony of Padua - Fairport Harbor	\$11,451	\$15,688	72.99%	St. Martin of Tours - Maple Hts.	\$20,224	\$43,842	46.13%
Communion of Saints - Cleveland Heights	\$122,688	\$154,709	79.3%	St. Anthony of Padua - Lorain	\$18,950	\$16,355	115.87%	St. Martin of Tours - Valley City	\$66,323	\$79,410	83.52%
Divine Word - Kirtland	\$121,701	\$106,513	114.26%	St. Anthony of Padua - Parma	\$94,746	\$108,294	87.49%	St. Mary - Akron	\$4,189	\$6,332	66.15%
Gesu - University Heights	\$141,918	\$217,908	65.13%	St. Augustine - Barberton	\$29,438	\$44,723	65.82%	St. Mary - Bedford	\$8,230	\$9,977	82.49%
Guardian Angels - Copley	\$45,052	\$100,573	44.8%	St. Augustine - Cleveland	\$7,581	\$22,331	33.95%	St. Mary - Berea	\$71,625	\$78,190	91.6%
Holy Angels - Chagrin Falls	\$89,620	\$199,793	44.86%	St. Barbara - Cleveland	\$3,543	\$8,352	42.42%	St. Mary - Chardon	\$150,816	\$138,521	108.88%
Holy Family - Parma	\$60,152	\$73,861	81.44%	St. Barnabas - Northfield	\$108,496	\$149,298	72.67%	St. Mary - Cleveland	\$29,374	\$38,939	75.44%
Holy Family - Stow	\$214,015	\$219,795	97.37%	St. Bartholomew - Middleburg Heights	\$51,169	\$81,553	62.74%	St. Mary - Elyria	\$102,559	\$90,056	113.88%
Holy Martyrs - Medina	\$87,947	\$107,204	82.04%	St. Basil the Great - Brecksville	\$533,642	\$660,942	80.74%	St. Mary - Hudson	\$334,675	\$345,849	96.77%
Holy Name - Cleveland	\$6,849	\$13,374	51.21%	St. Bede the Venerable - Mentor	\$83,569	\$106,013	78.83%	St. Mary - Lorain	\$10,588	\$14,769	71.69%
Holy Redeemer - Cleveland	\$8,863	\$19,573	45.28%	St. Bernadette - Westlake	\$130,268	\$219,237	59.42%	St. Mary - Painesville	\$32,183	\$43,418	74.12%
Holy Rosary - Cleveland	\$40,083	\$54,678	73.31%	St. Bernard - Akron	\$33,678	\$33,494	100.55%	St. Mary Magdalene - Willowick	\$31,906	\$39,344	81.09%
Holy Spirit - Avon Lake	\$91,496	\$126,180	72.51%	St. Boniface - Cleveland	\$326	\$2,515	12.96%	St. Mary of the Assumption - Mentor	\$119,457	\$161,914	73.78%
Holy Spirit - Garfield Heights	\$23,823	\$31,597	75.4%	St. Brendan - North Olmsted	\$79,983	\$89,633	89.23%	St. Mary of the Falls - Olmsted Falls	\$65,310	\$85,234	76.62%
Holy Trinity - Avon	\$113,440	\$136,465	83.13%	St. Bridget of Kildare - Parma	\$51,289	\$71,371	71.86%	St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception - Avon	\$43,684	\$48,244	90.55%
Immaculate Conception - Madison	\$38,963	\$45,148	86.3%	St. Casimir (Neff Rd) - Cleveland	\$8,102	\$12,452	65.07%	St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception - Wooster	\$106,393	\$97,564	109.05%
Immaculate Conception - Willoughby	\$107,193	\$119,071	90.02%	St. Casimir (Sowinski Ave) - Cleveland	\$950	\$5,238	18.14%	St. Matthew - Akron	\$37,292	\$44,790	83.26%
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Cleveland	\$8,575	\$9,095	94.29%	St. Charles Borromeo - Parma	\$88,481	\$116,293	76.09%	St. Matthias - Parma	\$33,296	\$39,791	83.68%
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Cuyahoga Falls	\$61,654	\$92,826	66.42%	St. Christopher - Rocky River	\$208,013	\$264,657	78.6%	St. Mel - Cleveland	\$26,632	\$34,166	77.95%
Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish	\$46,587	\$75,810	61.45%	St. Clare - Lyndhurst	\$88,881	\$171,241	51.9%	St. Michael - Independence	\$134,756	\$141,069	95.52%
Mary Queen of Peace - Cleveland	\$17,368	\$67,583	25.7%	St. Clarence - North Olmsted	\$195,371	\$200,000	97.69%	St. Michael the Archangel - Cleveland	\$14,162	\$11,207	126.37%
Mother of Sorrows Parish	\$76,89	\$35,339	21.76%	St. Clement - Lakewood	\$35,135	\$39,697	88.51%	St. Monica - Garfield Heights	\$25,606	\$32,506	78.77%
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - Lorain	\$30,023	\$32,525	92.31%	St. Colette - Brunswick	\$69,324	\$93,542	74.11%	St. Noel - Willoughby Hills	\$82,526	\$112,550	73.32%
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - So. Amherst	\$12,045	\$16,015	75.21%	St. Colman - Cleveland	\$4,611	\$8,394	54.93%	St. Paschal Baylon - Highland Hts	\$127,129	\$163,745	77.64%
Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish	\$34,625	\$53,147	65.15%	St. Columbkille - Parma	\$67,022	\$100,281	66.91%	St. Patrick (Bridge Ave) - Cleveland	\$27,693	\$39,930	69.35%
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish	\$37,778	\$41,730	90.53%	St. Cyprrian - Perry	\$38,929	\$39,486	98.59%	St. Patrick (Rocky River Dr.) - Cleveland	\$8,825	\$13,757	64.15%
Our Lady of Angels Parish	\$21,030	\$31,181	67.44%	St. Dominic - Shaker Heights	\$125,940	\$184,024	68.44%	St. Patrick - S. Thompson	\$20,066	\$73,241	27.4%
Our Lady of Grace - Hinckley	\$51,628	\$40,966	126.03%	St. Edward - Ashland	\$34,229	\$37,803	90.55%	St. Patrick - Wellington	\$12,411	\$38,875	31.92%
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Macedonia	\$36,235	\$52,934	68.45%	St. Edward - Parkman	\$4,740	\$11,798	40.18%	St. Paul - Akron	\$27,654	\$31,184	88.68%
Our Lady of Hope - Bedford	\$4,588	\$26,874	17.07%	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Columbia Station	\$39,168	\$25,458	153.85%	St. Paul - Cleveland	\$3,537	\$11,533	30.67%
Our Lady of Lourdes - Cleveland	\$19,241	\$18,460	104.23%	St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Cleveland	\$4,614	\$3,289	140.29%	St. Peter - Cleveland	\$3,505	\$3,609	97.1%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Wickliffe	\$80,446	\$59,675	134.81%	St. Emeric - Cleveland	\$1,648	\$2,931	56.22%	St. Peter - Lorain	\$36,871	\$53,025	69.54%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel West - Cleveland	\$6,744	\$8,247	81.77%	St. Eugene - Cuyahoga Falls	\$34,152	\$32,735	104.33%	St. Peter - Loudonville	\$16,402	\$21,097	77.74%
Our Lady of Peace - Cleveland	\$19,851	\$32,997	60.16%	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - Lorain	\$6,887	\$7,502	91.8%	St. Peter - North Ridgeville	\$75,701	\$87,968	86.06%
Our Lady of the Lake - Euclid	\$30,583	\$50,038	61.12%	St. Francis de Sales - Akron	\$102,870	\$120,614	85.29%	St. Raphael - Bay Village	\$269,822	\$333,862	80.82%
Our Lady of Victory - Tallmadge	\$70,413	\$81,859	86.02%	St. Francis de Sales - Parma	\$23,053	\$35,570	64.81%	St. Richard - North Olmsted	\$69,223	\$76,035	91.04%
Our Lady Queen of Peace - Grafton	\$70,494	\$65,051	108.37%	St. Francis of Assisi - Gates Mills	\$170,074	\$240,565	70.7%	St. Rita - Solon	\$112,592	\$157,320	71.57%
Prince of Peace - Norton	\$35,625	\$29,545	120.58%	St. Francis Xavier - Medina	\$160,231	\$187,499	85.46%	St. Rocco - Cleveland	\$8,459	\$7704	109.8%
Queen of Heaven - Uniontown	\$121,925	\$184,289	66.16%	St. Gabriel - Mentor	\$104,773	\$188,334	55.63%	St. Sebastian - Akron	\$142,776	\$160,547	88.93%
Resurrection of Our Lord - Solon	\$152,957	\$168,978	90.52%	St. Helen - Newbury	\$81,253	\$93,427	86.97%	St. Stanislaus - Cleveland	\$9,667	\$17,743	54.48%
Sacred Heart Chapel - Lorain	\$34,712	\$41,723	83.2%	St. Hilary - Fairlawn	\$184,373	\$252,198	73.11%	St. Stephen - Cleveland	\$64,505	\$27,994	232.72%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - South Euclid	\$39,876	\$55,914	71.32%	St. Ignatius of Antioch - Cleveland	\$19,021	\$29,448	64.59%	St. Stephen - W. Salem	\$12,945	\$9,257	139.85%
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Wadsworth	\$136,442	\$197,390	69.12%	St. James - Lakewood	\$10,046	\$18,470	54.39%	St. Teresa of Avila - Sheffield	\$5,918	\$7,879	75.11%
Sacred Heart - Oberlin	\$21,225	\$33,820	62.76%	St. Jerome - Cleveland	\$13,225	\$15,841	83.49%	St. Therese - Garfield Hts.	\$22,836	\$27,265	83.76%
Sagrada Familia - Cleveland	\$260	\$1,288	20.19%	St. Joan of Arc - Chagrin Falls	\$132,377	\$196,085	67.51%	St. Thomas More - Brooklyn	\$18,552	\$24,615	75.37%
SS. Cosmas and Damian - Twinsburg	\$104,600	\$81,545	128.27%	St. John Bosco - Parma Hts.	\$92,107	\$88,218	104.41%	St. Thomas the Apostle - Sheffield Lake	\$6,799	\$9,680	70.24%
SS. Peter and Paul - Doylestown	\$16,577	\$25,321	65.47%	St. John Cantius - Cleveland	\$7,593	\$8,998	84.38%	St. Victor - Richfield	\$35,938	\$68,570	52.41%
SS. Peter and Paul - Garfield Hts.	\$17,553	\$26,922	63.71%	St. John Nepomucene - Cleveland	\$12,848	\$13,510	95.1%	St. Vincent de Paul - Akron	\$105,807	\$92,467	114.43%
SS. Robert & William - Euclid	\$64,327	\$70,051	91.83%	St. John Neumann - Strongsville	\$73,696	\$127,114	57.98%	St. Vincent de Paul - Cleveland	\$19,215	\$29,534	65.06%
St. Adalbert - Berea	\$18,052	\$37,296	48.4%	St. John of the Cross - Euclid	\$60,427	\$54,326	111.23%	St. Vincent de Paul - Elyria Twp.	\$7,050	\$23,562	29.92%
St. Adalbert - Cleveland	\$1,252	\$2,996	41.81%	St. John the Baptist - Akron	\$3,416	\$4,862	70.24%	St. Vitus - Cleveland	\$41,073	\$40,096	102.44%
St. Agnes - Elyria	\$17,038	\$14,243	119.63%	St. John the Baptist - Mentor	\$189,164	\$199,704	94.72%	St. Wendelin - Cleveland	\$16,756	\$19,501	85.93%
St. Agnes - Orrville	\$47,818	\$43,919	108.88%	St. Joseph - Amherst	\$121,935	\$133,170	91.56%	Transfiguration - Lakewood	\$33,409	\$37,463	89.18%
St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima - Cleveland	\$2,723	\$8,434	32.28%	St. Joseph - Avon Lake	\$136,119	\$131,216	103.74%	Visitation of Mary - Akron	\$13,125	\$14,958	87.75%
St. Albert the Great - North Royalton	\$179,314	\$287,832	62.3%	St. Joseph - Cuyahoga Falls	\$25,813	\$38,195	67.58%				
St. Aloysius-St. Agatha - Cleveland	\$31,127	\$4,754	65.77%	St. Joseph - Strongsville	\$152,887	\$174,021	87.86%				
St. Ambrose - Brunswick	\$178,404	\$186,611	95.6%	St. Jude - Elyria	\$46,928	\$58,494	80.23%				
St. Andrew Kim Pastoral Center - Cleveland	\$1,251	\$1,000	125.1%	St. Julie Billiart - North Ridgeville	\$49,034	\$69,875	70.17%				
St. Andrew the Apostle - Norton	\$28,339	\$32,958	85.99%	St. Justin Martyr - Eastlake	3,185	\$6,83%					
St. Angela Merici - Fairview Park	\$138,111	\$199,726	69.15%	St. Ladislav - Westlake	\$175,511	\$212,603	82.55%				
				St. Leo the Great - Cleveland	\$77,183	\$81,458	94.75%				



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