

Programs + Ministries

The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is a diocesan-wide campaign that supports the mission of the Catholic Church locally, regionally and globally. CSA covers 70% of the Diocese of Gaylord's annual operational budget, impacting thousands of families each year. Your gift to CSA helps fulfill our Catholic mission by making the following essential ministries possible.



Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable - \$298,462 (8%)

- Catholic Human Services
- Healing Retreats for Those Affected by Abortion
- National Collections for Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America



Faith Formation \$466,733 (12%)

- Catholic Schools Administration
- Faith Formation Office
- Local Retreat Centers
- Catholic University of America Scholarships



Diocesan and Parish Support - \$1,701,802 (45%)

- Parish and Diocesan Financial Services
- Marriage Tribunal
- Information Technology Support
- Human Resources Services
- Development and Stewardship Services



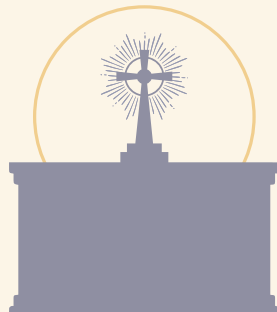
Clergy and Pastoral Support - \$262,229 (7%)

- Vocations and Seminarian Education
- Pastoral Support of Clergy
- Formation of Deacons
- Healing and Deliverance Ministry



Proclaiming the Gospel \$1,012,748 (27%)

- Bishop's Communications and Outreach
- Worship and Liturgy Office
- FAITH Magazine and Televised Mass for Homebound
- St. Mary Cathedral
- Hispanic and Native American Apostolates



HOW DOES MY CSA GIFT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

2 EASY WAYS TO GIVE

Your CSA gift makes all the difference to the diocese, your parish and our Catholic community.



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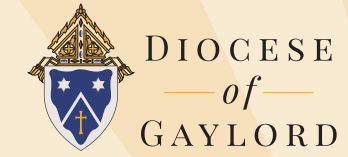


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CSA 2024

COME TO THE TABLE



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL



CARING FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE



DIOCESAN & PARISH SUPPORT



FAITH FORMATION



CLERGY & PASTORAL SUPPORT

No Catholic Services Appeal funds were used for expenses related to clergy sexual abuse.

A special message from
Bishop Jeffrey J. Walsh

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

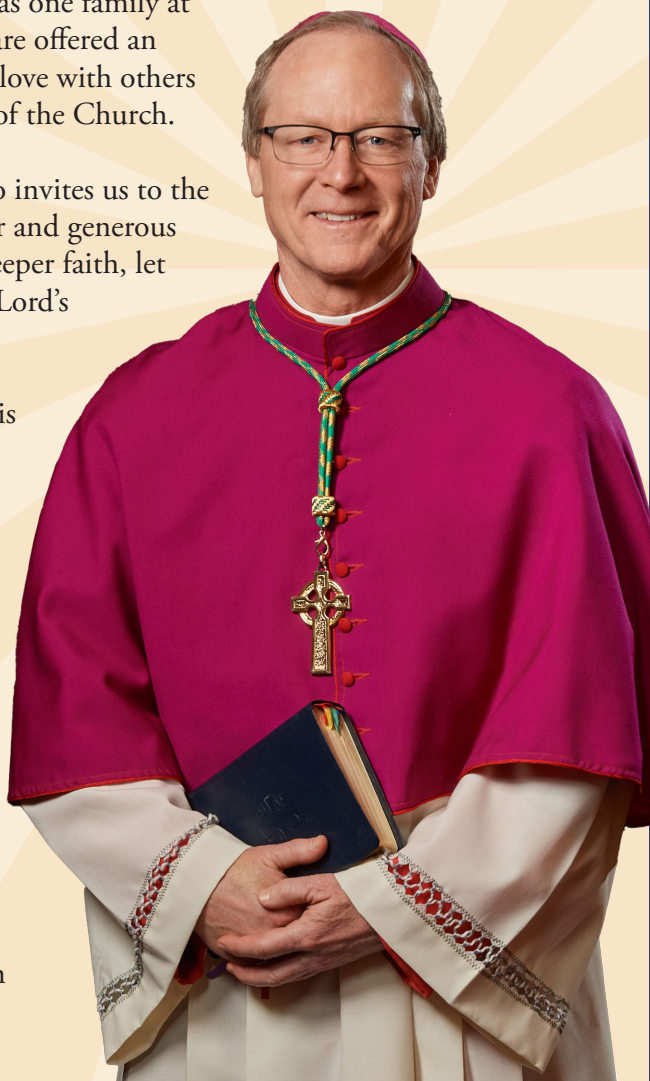
As we continue to celebrate the national “Eucharistic Revival,” we have chosen the theme *Come to the Table* for the Diocese of Gaylord’s Catholic Services Appeal. A rich banquet of Christ’s sacrificial love is prepared so we can feast and satisfy our soul longing for God. United as one family at the table of the altar, we are offered an opportunity to share His love with others and support the mission of the Church.

It is the Lord himself who invites us to the banquet table. With eager and generous hearts, hungry for ever deeper faith, let us respond “YES” to the Lord’s invitation.

The people featured in this brochure, and our 2024 CSA video, tell their inspiring stories of how they came to the table, and shared the bounty. The invitation is not in the mail. God sends it directly to us...Come one and come all to the table.

In Christ Our Life!

Most Rev. Jeffrey J. Walsh
Bishop of Gaylord



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHTS



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John Mawby

Answering the call from God to be a priest is a decision that requires deep discernment. The Diocesan Vocations Office, supported by CSA funds, organizes a variety of vocation awareness activities to assist men who are discerning and to provide continued support during their formation at the seminary. John Mawby is a first-year seminarian studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

“During my two years of discernment before entering seminary, I went on two seminary visits with Fr. Rexroat, the vocations director, to Saint John Vianney and the Josephinum. These visits completely changed my perspective on what seminary life was like. During both visits, the men were filled with such a strong and cheerful desire to pursue our Lord—it ignited an undeniable desire for me to be a part of it. This experience put aside many questions and discouragements I had about what seminary life was like and inspired me to continue towards entering.”

“In addition to the seminary visits, Fr. Rexroat holds a yearly summer BBQ for men in the diocese to gather in fraternity. It was a great time to speak with other seminarians and priests to learn more about seminary life and the priesthood and meet other men discerning the call to the priesthood.”

“Thanks to the support of CSA, vocation events, such as these, work to foster encouragement for men seeking God’s call. They both played an important role in supporting my discernment process.”

Jordan and Rachel Stainforth received the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Joseph on Old Mission Peninsula in the summer of 2022. With assistance from the diocesan Tribunal staff, this West Bloomfield Michigan couple was able to be wed at their “home-away-from-home” parish.

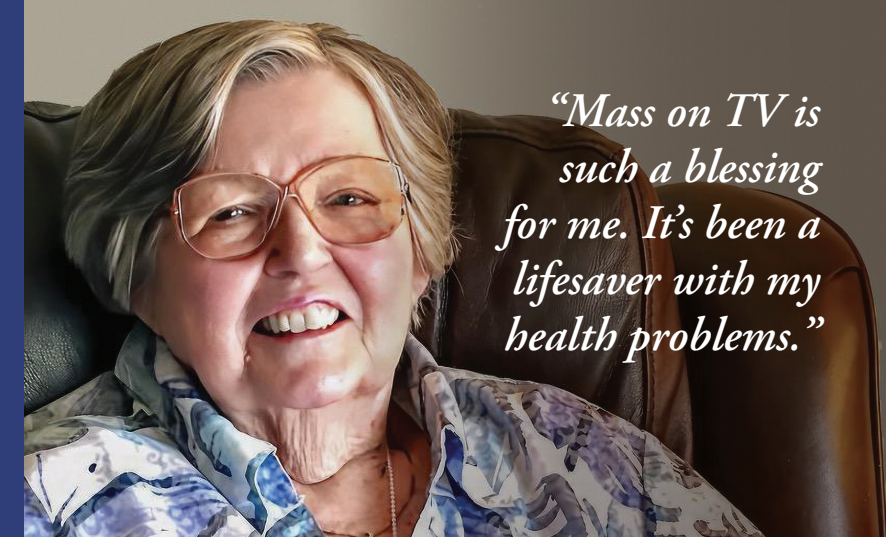
“Getting married in a Catholic church was very important to us,” explained Jordan. “We believe it is essential to incorporate faith into the foundation of our married life and to enter our lifelong bond with God at the center.”

Jordan has deep family ties to both St. Joseph and Old Mission Peninsula that go back to the early 1900s. Every generation of his family has been linked to the area and the church, dating back to his great, great grandparents Elizabeth Duffek and Joseph Kroupa who were married at St. Joseph in 1903.

“The combination of deep family history, the love for the area and the warm welcoming nature of the St. Joseph community truly made for a perfect destination to get married,” added Jordan. “Rachel and I are aware that there was likely a lot of work happening behind the scenes, and we are very grateful for the systems and resources that are in place to make these celebrations possible.”

The Tribunal team, supported by CSA funding, facilitates many aspects of conferring the Sacrament of Marriage.

Jordan & Rachel Stainforth



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Joan Schmitzer

Due to health reasons, Joan Schmitzer, of Williamsburg, watches St. Mary Cathedral’s Mass on TV every Sunday. Throughout her life, Joan regularly attended Mass. However, nearly a decade ago, mobility issues made it difficult to get in and out of a car. Therefore, she relies on the televised Mass to maintain her close relationship with our Lord.

“The 8 am Mass on TV is such a blessing for me. It’s been a lifesaver with my health problems. I love my Lord and Savior. He is the one who has brought me this far and has helped me through so many tough situations. The TV Mass, along with my religious magazines, allows me to hear the Word of Jesus and talk with my Lord to thank him for my many blessings and to pray for the health of my family – my sisters, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I have received many blessings over the last 87 years and all have come from Him. I love Jesus and He loves me. Thanks to my daughter, I am also able to receive communion.”



To watch a video with more impact stories, visit DioceseofGaylord.org/24CSA

