

# St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

## Serving Western Livingston County

### 2019-2020 Annual Parish Report

St. Luke the Evangelist, Pray For Us

#### From the Parochial Administrator's Desk

October 21, 2020

Dearly beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all things, be with you always and comfort you, especially in these troubling times. Life is never without challenges, but the Lord is watching over us and can deliver us from all evil. Good will win in the end. As you know, the 2019/20 fiscal year has come to an end. Due to the current restrictions related to the pandemic we are using a Parish Report format to bring you a review the past year based on our pastoral participation and performance and to plan for the new year.



We had uplifting news this year. The number of our parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year is the highest we've had in the past five years. We are proud of our young adults who worked very hard for two years, patiently enduring the uncertainties amidst cancellations and shutdown. We have new members to our Catholic faith through our RCIA program. We were able to provide alternative ways to worship. Fr. Jeff and I became all things from IT, video/audio recording specialists to Mass servers and concelebrants, with some volunteers to help us. It has been heartening to observe how you all quickly adapted to different modes of worship within a short time, attending Mass online and driving by for Holy Communion. You sanctified the internet by your prayers and presence. The statistics on Attendances below may not represent online attendance, but hundreds signed in for Zoom Masses and several others prayed the recorded Mass at their own time and continue to join us through our YouTube Live Streaming. God is everywhere and as true worshippers, we are worshipping Him everywhere in spirit.

I joyously acknowledge with gratitude your great expression of love for our Lord and our Catholic faith through your continuous support to our parish, which has enabled us to meet our parish needs. You validate the work we do and encourage us to persevere in our ministry and mission. Our deepest gratitude to Mr. Cicero and his family who's parting gift to us has served a great purpose in the restoration work done at St. Patrick's Church and more. Please consider including your parish in your Will. Immense thanks also to you for supporting our Catholic Ministry Appeal last year. Although we couldn't reach our goal, you brought us close to it. We hope to see more participation this year so that we can meet our goal.

St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory is still rented out to the Department of Pastoral Services of the Diocese for the establishment of a Center for Migrant Ministry (plan in progress), with the future plan to buy it from us. Your participation in our *Be the Gift that Makes a Difference* Program was remarkable, in spite of the pandemic which limited the positive outcome, it received a 46% increase in pledges. A detailed report will be provided to you in a separate mailing.



This year will be, THE YEAR OF HEALING. Let our liturgical and spiritual focus be on personal, community, and national healing through compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation, and divine intervention. May the Lord bless you and grant you health and peace and all you need in the days ahead.

Parish Statistics	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Number of Registered Families	748	734	724	674	620
Average Saturday Evening/Sunday Attendance	665	618	544	543	*506/175
Number of Baptisms	40	28	34	23	19
First Communion	21	19	21	12	10
Confirmations	14	2	23	8	30
RCIA	13*	2	1	10**	10**
Weddings	12	8	19	6	6
Funerals	61	41	49	42	34

\*506 weekly average prior to COVID. 175 weekly average in June immediately after reopening.

\*\*includes prison ministry

## 2019-2020 Parish Highlights

### A Look Back on the Year, Continuing the Old and Beginning the New



During the church year of 2019-2020, even with the year being shortened by more than three months of shutdown, our parish still marked several special events. In July 2019 we gathered at the Dueppengiesser's to celebrate Mass and enjoy a meal together. In August we commemorated the Queenship of Mary with a Queen's Tea Party. September saw the second year of our Wishing Trees which was a tremendous success thanks to your generosity. Fr. Jeff offered *his first presentation* on the Saints our churches are named after. In October, along with another successful Trash to Treasure Sale, we had our *first annual* pet blessing and later in the month brought together many in need of healing at a Mass of Anointing. The annual Mass of Remembrance was held in November. St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Cemeteries were both blessed during this month in which the church especially remembers the dead. We kicked off The Year of the Family and included a monthly Family Activity calendar in the bulletin. December marked the second anniversary of weekly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary's, Christmas caroling at Morgan Estates and the CNR, along with an Advent Holy Hour and Advent Penance Service.

As the calendar turned to the new year, Fr. Jeff continued his presentations with a series on the sacraments. We began an Increased Offertory Program in February (thank you to all who responded). In the middle of March in-person events and Masses were canceled due to Covid but we quickly moved online to provide Masses through Zoom and Facebook Live. We celebrated a Divine Mercy Sunday livestreamed service in April, and Fr. Jeff made his presentations available in a webinar format for all to enjoy from home. Weekly updates were sent out to all parishioners that provided email addresses. Finally, during this year we remade our website including adding the history of our parish, and have posted on our Facebook regularly (links to our Facebook page and YouTube channel can be found on our website at <https://www.stlukelivingstoncounty.org/>).

### Status of Our Finances, Buildings and Grounds

We ended the year with a surplus of \$14,198 in net operating revenue. We also continued to invest in our parish by completing major capital improvements, funded by a combination of a large bequest and a grant from the diocese. These capital improvements are captured in the non-operating expenses shown in our finance report.

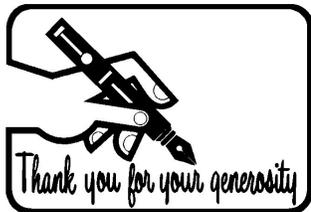


Our main project this year was at St. Patrick. The masonry was repointed, quoins were repaired and gutters were repaired for a total cost of \$142,305. This project was funded in large part by the Joe Cicero estate (\$100,000) and a Diocesan Building Fund grant (\$25,000). The second major project was the improvement of the drainage system and repair of water damage at our St. Thomas church building. A Diocesan Building Fund grant for \$38,600 provided funding for this project. There is some unexpected asbestos remediation that was not part of the original project scope and will have to be funded by our parish. We have requested contractor quotes for this remediation and will proceed with the completion of the basement repairs once complete.

The next large project planned is the stained-glass window restoration at St. Mary church. Our request for support from the Diocesan Building Fund was not approved and will have to be funded by our parish. This project will be a multi-year effort, with the first phase expected to cost about \$100,000. Due to reduced revenues since the start of the pandemic, this project is being deferred. We will revisit the original scope of the project to address the windows most in need of repair.

Our parish continues to benefit from the committed work of volunteers who completed small painting and landscaping projects this year. There continues to be many small projects that can be completed at minimal cost. These projects are a great way for adults to involve the youth of our parish and larger civic community.

Please contact the parish office or a Buildings and Grounds committee member listed in the bulletin.



Our finances have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to spend as necessary on repairs to our buildings and grounds while relying on support from our volunteers, improving our maintenance and service contract agreements and encouraging our parishioners to sign up for online giving.

## Annual Financial Report— July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

	<u>2019-2020 Actual</u>	<u>2020-2021 Budget</u> (forecasted at 9% decrease due to COVID)
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Sunday Collections (Regular & Plate)	\$ 303,738	\$ 248,111
Online Giving	\$ 106,113	\$ 126,000
Holy Days, Christmas, Easter, Utilities	\$ 32,941	\$ 30,000
Gifts & Donations	\$ 8,624	\$ 10,000
Rental Income	\$ 36,479	\$ 25,000
Weddings, Funerals and Program	\$ 19,317	\$ 22,500
Fundraising	\$ 5,379	\$ 3,000
Flowers, Memorials, Courier and Candles	\$ 9,728	\$ 10,400
Other Operating Revenue	\$ 3,490	\$ 6,300
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 525,810</b>	<b>\$ 481,311</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 298,852	\$ 317,598
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$ 64,844	\$ 70,222
Utilities and Building Maintenance (Inc. Rental)	\$ 62,942	\$ 65,300
Candles, Sacristy, Flowers and Missalettes	\$ 14,012	\$ 14,850
Rectory and Food	\$ 11,657	\$ 11,840
Catholic Courier Journal	\$ 9,744	\$ 9,841
Ministry and Program Expense	\$ 5,469	\$ 6,000
Postage, Telephone, Computer and Misc.	\$ 20,557	\$ 19,400
Purchase of Services	\$ 11,519	\$ 2,610
St Agnes School Subsidy	\$ 6,180	\$ 9,086
Fundraising	\$ 1,616	\$ 300
Other Operating Expense	\$ 4,218	\$ 8,480
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 511,612</b>	<b>\$ 535,527</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 14,198</b>	<b>\$ (54,216)</b>
<b>Non Operating Revenue</b>		
Investments	\$ (50)	\$ -
Affiliated Organizations	\$ 2,045	\$ -
Building Grant-DOR	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Payroll Protection Plan Loan-Forgiveness	\$ -	\$ 38,000
<b>Total Non Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 26,995</b>	<b>\$ 38,000</b>
<b>Non Operating Expense</b>		
Building Improvements	\$ 125,313	\$ 39,506 **
Affiliated Organizations	\$ 3,065	\$ -
Parish Payment for CMA Shortfall	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Investment Fees	\$ 240	\$ -
<b>Total Non Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 133,618</b>	<b>\$ 39,506</b>
<b>Net Non Operating Revenue/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (106,623)</b>	<b>\$ (1,506)</b>
<b>Net Revenue/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (92,426)*</b>	<b>\$ (55,722)</b>

\*Covered by large estate bequest received in prior year

\*\*Source of funds for repairs to be determined

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<b>Our Leadership</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pastoral Staff</b></p> Parochial Administrator: Fr. Bernard Dan Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jeffrey S. Tunnicliff Pastoral Minister: Leslie Nieves Deacons: Paul Clement & George Spezzano, Emeritus Director of Campus Ministry: Mike Sauter Religious Education & Secretary: Cathy Meyer Business Manager: Donna Falkner Finance Director: Richard Stryker St. Mary's Cemetery: Rebecca Lawrence St. Patrick's Cemetery: Dana Brzenski Social Ministry: Mabel Treadwell	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pastoral Council</b></p> Brennan Mix (Chair) Vicky Gebel (Vice-Chair) Stephanie Gehrig (Secretary) Deacon Paul Clement Barbara Clement Bill Coast Bill Costello (Trustee) Michelle DuBiel Chris Grammar Peggy Hamilton Becki Lawrence Jim West	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finance Council</b></p> Rob Christie, Chair Art Bernecker, III (Trustee) Donna Falkner Kathy Hubacher Kathy Macomber Joel Mike Jim Spateholts	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stewardship</b></p> Mary Spateholts (Chair) Bert DiFranco Mickey Donovan Donna Falkner Cathy Meyer Debbie Naples Leslie Nieves Julie Norton Mary Schryver Jim West
			<p>Thank you to Mary Spateholts, the Stewardship Team, and all who worked very hard to facilitate the Increased Offertory Program.</p>

**Planned Giving From Your Estate**

Generally this comes from wills and trusts. This type of giving is called "Planned Giving". The most common form of this type of giving is from Wills. These types of gifts can be small or large. More commonly we receive gifts from wills ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 but these gifts can be much larger. Whatever the amount, the generosity is appreciated. Other types of planned giving include trusts, annuities, and insurance. The concept of Planned Giving acknowledges that while we might like to give more now, we need to take care of our own bills. Each in their own way, all types of Planned Giving are designed to allow you to take care of your own needs now while allowing the church to benefit when you no longer need the funds. To learn more about different ways of giving check out <https://www.dor.org/giving/>.