

Saint Lawrence Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

As your new Pastor, I want you to know that the well-being of every member of our partner parishes has been in my daily prayers, especially as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. I know that many of you have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in the lives of so many. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

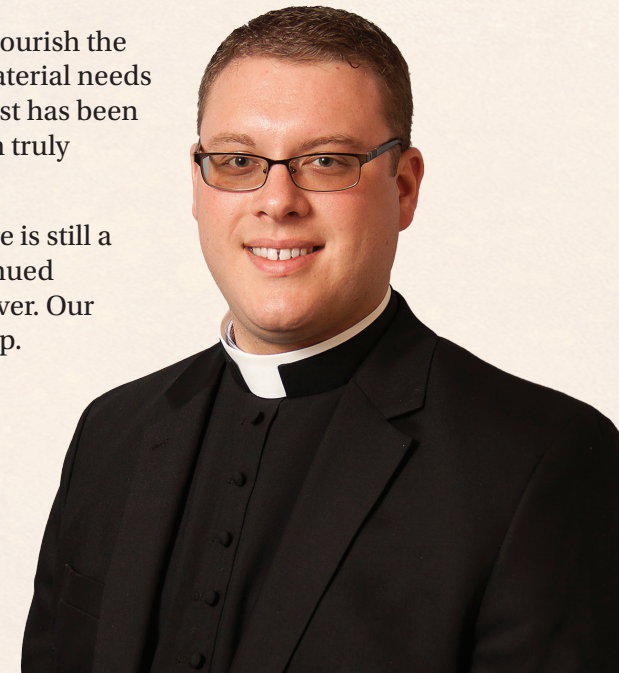
I hope you have been comforted by our local and diocesan outreach through live-streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings, prayer chains, and other opportunities for spiritual connectivity. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and those who helped to keep an important connection with the elderly and homebound. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic, both in our own parishes and beyond.

I want you to know that through it all St. Lawrence Parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support that you as the faithful have provided has been truly remarkable.

As encouraging as the impact of our outreach has been, I recognize that there is still a great need present in many different ways. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish communities. Remember, your contributions keep our parishes vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work together.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dinga



Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Lawrence Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- Altar Server
- Lector
- Usher
- Minister of Hospitality
- Partner Parish Youth Group
- Prayer Chain
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Collection Counter
- Catechist
- Altar Rosary Society
- Holiday Choir/Cantor
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Festival Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Loyal Christian Benefit Association (LCBA)



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Over the past three years, there have been a number of significant capital improvements at Saint Lawrence Parish, including a new roof on the church, a new security system with cameras and two new air conditioning units for the church.

In addition, there have been upgrades or work done on the gutters and the

back sidewalk facing the alley.

I am grateful to all who have graciously donated their time, their talent and/or their treasure to make these improvements a reality. All of the aforementioned items are a wonderful demonstration of committed stewardship to our parish. Thank you and may God continue to bless you.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 92,341	\$ 97,512	\$ 98,038
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,356	(947)	1,215
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	20,756	25,386	23,826
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	11,320	5,585	13,726
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	3,477	43,120	27,302
Special Collections	10,351	8,165	12,280
Total Income	\$ 139,601	\$ 178,821	\$ 176,387
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 34,972	\$ 39,200	\$ 40,977
Church	27,610	24,884	68,709
Rectory	1,956	2,188	1,773
Education and Ministry	12,401	12,947	18,715
General Expenses	52,806	49,085	48,198
Special Collections	10,551	8,155	12,280
Extraordinary Expenses	1,775	4,685	9,440
Total Expenditures	142,071	141,144	200,092
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (2,470)	\$ 37,677	\$ (23,705)

Our Garden



Registered Households
2021: 135
2020: 134
2019: 141

Single Member Households

33



Baptisms
2021: 2
2020: 1
2019: 1

Weddings

2021: 1
2020: 0
2019: 0



Funerals
2021: 7
2020: 4
2019: 5



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parishes. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners; but it was greatly assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal.



As I am sure you can imagine, our parishes, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. Unfortunately, various opportunities for fundraising were unable to take place within our own community.

With that in mind, we do hope to be able to offer some events looking forward into the near future, for which we will ask your support and participation. These efforts will go a long way toward planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parishes.

Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM



ONLINE:
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