



St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

Serving Western Livingston County

2020-2021 Annual Parish Report

St. Luke the Evangelist, Pray For Us

Dearly beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November 16, 2021



Have you heard the story about the 400 Men in the Cave of Adullam? In his dark days, when he was hiding from King Saul, David spent most of his time in the Cave of Adullam (1 Samuel 22:1 and following). This happened right after his glorious victory over Goliath. The story goes that, 400 men who were distressed, in debt and discontented gathered to David in the dark cave and he became their leader. When these men finally left the Cave of Adullam, people referred to them as “David’s Mighty Men of Valor” and they went on together with David to fight for the restoration of Israel.

We have experienced our own dark days in the Cave with the pandemic or other situations; some are still experiencing it. Many have known emotional distress, mental discontent and spiritual and financial debt. For us who trust in the Lord, like David and his Men of Valor, let these moments be a time to open ourselves to the Lord to be transformed and reborn. Like seeds buried in the dark earth, you are being planted. The darkness may last for a while, but the seed gathers momentum and waits for the time of growth when it breaks forth with power, shattering all that holds it bound, even breaking through concrete pavement and hardened mortar. So shall our coming out be, for the power of God rests in you. I beseech you, therefore dear friends, to take this time to care for yourself, to nurse your body, mind and spirit. This is what God wants, for you to be well and happy. Find time to take a retreat, engaging in meditation and contemplation. Reconsecrating ourselves to the Lord is a great way to start. Now is the time to rebuild God’s Church.

Aware that the past year was a difficult one for many, I’m hoping that you are staying strong and maintaining hope and never slacking in the practice of your faith and service of your God. It has been a joy to see many of you in Church and those who worship with us through livestream. We strive with refreshed determination to rebuild what has been broken and raise up whatever has been knocked down. Several of our parish ministries had been suspended due to Covid19. We have resumed religious education for our children and will bring back acolytes, lectors and ushers, once we have volunteers to fill those ministries.

Our year ended strong financially; a detailed report has been provided below. Through your help, we were able to meet the needs of the parish, including some capital improvements and maintenance items. Thank you! Our Parish Council has begun taking a deep look into what mission and vision should guide our parish in the coming years. This is already being communicated to us all through bulletin inserts.

I notified you last year that St. Thomas Aquinas property was going to be sold to the Department of Pastoral Services of the Diocese, to be used for the establishment of a Center for Migrant Ministry. The sale is in progress. The plan to sell had been in the works since 2006, but no buyer had been found. Since the migrant workers are part of our parish, selling the property to the Diocese for their pastoral care serves and benefits our parish ministry as well. They have agreed to let us continue to use the church for daily masses. I will communicate details of the sale to you in a separate letter at a later time.

This year will be “THE YEAR TO KNOW GOD.” I invite you to explore and increase your knowledge of God; not just theoretical knowledge, but practical knowledge as well. The plan is that our liturgical, pastoral and spiritual focus should be on identifying, rediscovering and integrating the knowledge of God in our lives. I pray that the Lord may give you comfort to balance whatever affliction and misfortune, if any, that you may have experienced these past and current years, and strength for the days ahead.

Reverend Father Bernard Dan
Parochial Administrator

Parish Statistics

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Number of Registered Families	734	724	674	620	602
Average Saturday Evening/Sunday Attendance	618	544	543	*506/175	277
Number of Baptisms	28	34	23	19	16
First Communion	19	21	12	10	7
Confirmations	2	23	8	30	4
RCIA	2	1	10**	10**	4**
Weddings	8	19	6	6	2
Funerals	41	49	42	34	32
Burials St. Mary’s & St. Patrick’s Cemeteries	43	52	47	41	35

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

**includes prison ministry

2020-2021 Parish Highlights

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

It was slow going, getting back to a semblance of “normal” this past church year of 2020-2021 but we are on our way. Though registration was required, and capacity limits were in place, we returned to Mass in person. Faith Formation classes met once a month on-site while the Domestic Church was encouraged to grow - empowering our parents to learn right along with their children in faith with the resources sent home and the diocesan online Family Zone. St. Luke’s online Masses begun in March of last year due to the shutdown, continue to this day, and many homebound are thankful to “attend” their own church on Sundays. Due to restrictions, we were not able to offer as many in-person events as we would have liked but those days we could celebrate, stood out. In October, we held our second annual pet blessing which was attended by dogs, cats, rabbits, and a turtle along with the pet owners. The annual mass of Remembrance was held in November, along with a candle-lighting ceremony at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Both St. Patrick’s and St. Mary’s cemeteries were blessed in this month when the church especially remembers the dead. And full of gratitude for all our blessings, we celebrated a parish wide Thanksgiving Day Mass. December marked the third anniversary of weekly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary’s along with an Advent Holy Hour/Vespers Service and an Advent Penance Service. Turning the page of the calendar to 2021, Fr. Jeff continued offering his presentations in a webinar format so all could enjoy from their homes. During Lent, Stations of the Cross were prayed each Friday evening and Lenten Penance Services were offered at two of our churches. Divine Mercy Sunday service was celebrated with scripture and song. In June, we honored our fathers with prayers and intentions offered during Mass on Father’s Day. Weekly Updates continue to be sent out each Friday to all parishioners who provided email addresses.



Buildings and Grounds

We continued to invest in our parish by completing major capital improvements and repairs. These were funded by a combination of parish funds allocated to capital improvements, funds bequeathed to the parish, directed parishioner donation and grant money from the Diocese Building Fund. Capital improvements are not included in Operating Expenses. Noncapital repairs are shown in Operating expenses under Utilities/Building Maintenance.



The main project in the 20-21 Fiscal year was completion of work at St Thomas church. Mold remediation, drywall repair and floor replacement in the church basement hall were completed. The hall was then painted. Asbestos was found which required remediation prior to completing the restoration work, which impacted the completion schedule. All of the restoration work including asbestos abatement and painting was funded by Diocese Building Fund. The parking lot lights at St Lucy church were replaced greatly improving visibility. This was funded mostly by parishioner directed donations.

Heating system repairs/updates were completed at St Patrick church (replaced 40 yr old circulation pump), St Patrick rectory (water feed pressure regulator), St Thomas church (bleeder valve/zone valve/system purge). Programmable thermostats were installed in several buildings to reflect facility usage and reduce natural gas costs.

The next major capital project is restoration of stained-glass windows at St Mary Church which was deferred last year. This is targeted for windows across the entrance to the church from “tower to tower”. This will include the removal of the “Rose Window”, which will be transported to the provider’s studio for restoration. When the window is returned, the onsite project will commence (expected late spring 2022). The Rose window opening will have an acrylic covering installed with an ink jet facsimile of the stained glass. In addition to repairs, the majority of the windows in the targeted group will receive new protective coverings. Project cost is \$100,962 and will be funded from parish funds reserved for capital projects. Bids are being requested for painting of the trim and bell tower louvers.

Building and grounds committee engagement will be reenergized, with representatives from each church. The committee members will bring forward repair needs and potential project efforts. The project efforts will be compiled and prioritized. Available budgeted funds will be used to work through the list. We have recently received a gift intention to replace the signage at St Lucy. Future large projects to be considered are parking lot repair at St Patrick and roof repair at St Mary churches.



The parish is blessed by continued effort and generosity of volunteers who complete landscaping, painting and items that beautify and preserve our facilities. There are many small projects that can be completed with minimal cost and are a great way for adults and youth of our parish to provide Time and Talent to maintain our Treasure. Please contact the parish office or Buildings and Grounds committee listed in the bulletin to become involved.

Annual Financial Report— July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Finance Council Financial Report

	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget
<i>Revenue</i>		
Sunday Collections (regular & plate)	\$ 317,455	\$ 317,650
Online Giving	\$ 127,339	\$ 125,000
Holy Days, Christmas, Easter, Utilities	\$ 26,675	\$ 26,900
Rental Income	\$ 18,785	\$ 26,000
Donations	\$ 8,001	\$ 7,500
Fundraising Income	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Flowers, Memorials, Courier, Candles	\$ 6,398	\$ 7,500
Parish Organizations (Affiliated)	\$ 1,597	\$ -
Other Misc Revenue	\$ 181,938	\$ 172,225
 <i>Total Revenue</i>	 \$ 688,188	 \$ 684,775
 <i>Expense</i>		
Salaries and Benefits (& Prof. Devel)	\$ 245,784	\$ 251,032
Insurance	\$ 63,722	\$ 57,899
Utilities/Building Maintenance (incl rental)	\$ 72,435	\$ 63,000
Rectory Expense	\$ 13,048	\$ 11,825
Sacristy Supplies(candles, sacristy, flowers, missalettes)	\$ 14,262	\$ 16,100
Catholic Courier	\$ 9,744	\$ 9,744
Fundraising Expense	\$ -	\$ 750
St. Agnes School Assessment	\$ 14,256	\$ 15,552
Parish Organizations (affiliated)	\$ 3,864	\$ -
Property Taxes	\$ 4,746	\$ 5,000
Parish Payment for CMA Underage	\$ -	\$ -
Purchase of Services	\$ 58,690	\$ 68,985
Church Property Major Repairs	\$ 84,411	\$ 178,000
<i>Other Expenses</i>	\$ 19,500	\$ 20,150
 <i>Total Expense</i>	 \$ 604,462	 \$ 698,037
 <i>Surplus/Deficit*</i>	 \$ 83,726	 \$ (13,262)
 <i>Investments</i>		
Communis Fund	\$ 63,882	
<i>Increase over Prior Year End</i>	26.5%	

* The annual surplus or (deficit) is driven by the amount of major church repairs each year. Surplus is carried over and used to fund future repairs.

Please visit the Parish Office in Geneseo to view the line item budget.

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Our Leadership			
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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/>.