

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

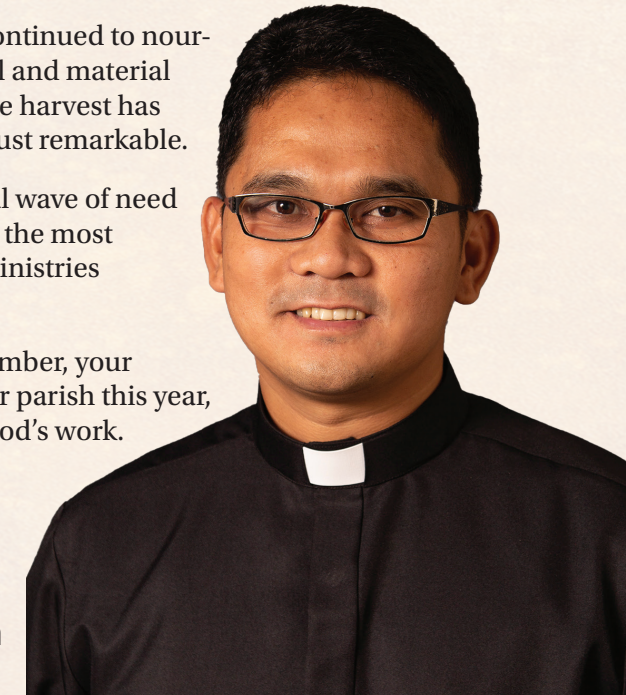
The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

I hope you have been comforted by our local and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings, prayer chains and other opportunities for prayer. 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 volunteers who made a crucial 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.

I wanted you to know that through it all, Saint Francis of Assisi 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 provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. 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. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.



Yours in Christ,
Father Marlon

Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- Christian Mothers
- Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Faith Formation
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults team
- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Cantors
- Choir
- Greeters
- Hospitality and Outreach Ministry
- Collection Counters
- Church Cleaning
- Gardening (planting of flowers, weeding)
- Youth Ministry
- Nursing Homes and Homebound Ministry
- Funeral Altar Servers
- Environment and Art Committee
- Memorial Choir
- Video Ministry
- Sponsor Couples for Marriage
- Baptism Preparation Team
- Adult Formation Team



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facilities, which is a big job, making them the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we were able to seal the parking lots and make repairs to the buildings, sidewalks, roofs and gutters. We were

able to clear brush and trim and remove trees. In addition, we maintained seven parish cemeteries, making them fitting resting places for our loved ones. None of this could be possible without your help, and we are very grateful.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 458,968	\$ 404,537	\$ 462,749
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	8,940	709	4,618
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	81,071	133,830	144,629
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	157	1,538	1,728
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	41,405	116,863	5,916
Special Collections	26,357	16,613	18,153
Total Income	\$ 616,898	\$ 674,090	\$ 637,793
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 146,262	\$ 149,798	\$ 141,201
Church	31,109	28,422	27,927
Rectory	32,180	29,979	27,208
Education and Ministry	49,756	62,179	64,870
General Expenses	321,905	303,369	305,838
Special Collections	26,357	16,716	23,002
Extraordinary Expenses	34,116	59,718	35,862
Total Expenditures	641,685	650,181	625,908
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (24,787)	\$ 23,909	\$ 11,885

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 657
2020: 649
2019: 688

Single Member Households

348



Baptisms

2021: 10
2020: 19
2019: 18

Weddings

2021: 5
2020: 1
2019: 4



Funerals

2021: 74
2020: 57
2019: 77



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our head is still above the water, 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 parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. This year, our car show was cancelled and our summer festival was postponed.

We do have some events on the calendar, including Cash Bashes Nov. 7 and again in April, July and November 2022, a fish fry during Lent, a pasta dinner and car show Aug. 7, 2022, and a summer festival in September 2022 over Labor Day weekend; so please consider participating. Help us grow the flowers of tomorrow by planting the seeds today.

I do want to call your attention to our new initiatives, namely, the revival of the Youth Ministry, faith formation classes, Nursing Homes and Homebound Ministry, funeral altar servers, the Environment and Art Committee, Memorial Choir, Video Ministry, sponsor couples for marriage, Baptism Preparation Team, and Adult Formation Team. These efforts will go a long way in planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.

Ways You Can Give



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