

Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

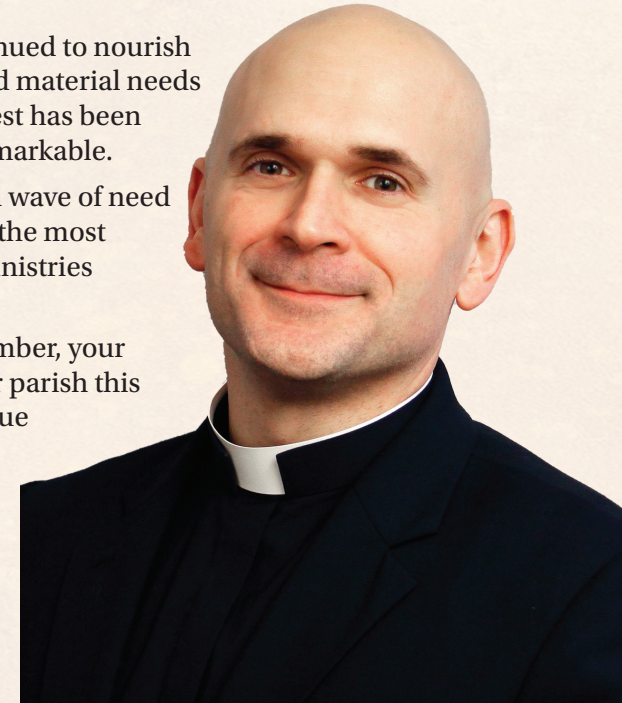
The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an 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 and, in our parishes, special COVID-19 ministries like online Adult Formation, Bible Study and opportunities for prayer, adoration and confession in our churches. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, and volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

I want you to know that through it all, Saint Mary (Nativity) 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 Tony Klimko

Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

Current Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Lector
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Music Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Homebound Ministry
- Bereavement Ministry (Lazarus Group)
- Ushers
- Money Counters
- Sponsor Couple
- Christian Mothers
- Rosary Society

- Golden Club
- St. Wendelin Branch #162 Slovak Union
- Art and Environment Ministry
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council

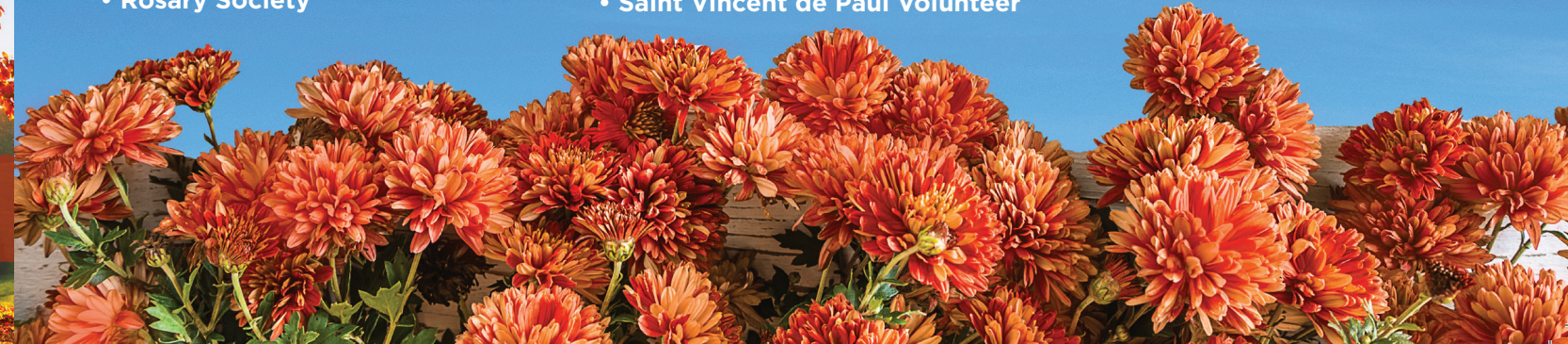
- Ladies of Charity
- Catholic Men's Group
- Prayer Blanket Makers
- Rosary Makers
- Secular Franciscan Order
- Video Ministry

Catholic Community Ministries:

- Vocation Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Vacation Bible School Ministry
- Hospital Ministry
- Adult Bible Studies
- Catechists
- Saint Vincent de Paul Volunteer

Future Ministries:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Graduate Ministry
- New Family Ministry
- Senior Update Ministry
- Social Ministry
- Library Ministry



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years we have completed the sealing of the church left bell tower, minor parking lot improvements, relocation of the tabernacle, new lighting in the vestibule and sanctuary, repair of sidewalks and steps, repair of the parish center roof drains, landscaping of parish grounds,

replacement of the fence at the parish cemetery, and cleaning of the closets in the Parish Center. Most recently we have plans to undertake the following: sealing the entire church building (to begin April 18, 2022), repairing interior plaster and repainting interior of the church, replacing church flooring, refinishing church steeples, refinishing church pews, and painting the Parish Center classrooms.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 278,057	\$ 267,651	\$ 293,012
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,538	2,315	5,830
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	105,510	104,096	94,187
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	2,149	12,063	6,422
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	28,085	39,549	23,273
Special Collections	16,794	29,688	29,732
Total Income	\$ 435,133	\$ 455,362	\$ 452,456
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 66,750	\$ 62,825	\$ 59,047
Church	64,161	59,308	56,470
Rectory	6,556	5,776	5,022
Education and Ministry	62,070	51,434	59,242
General Expenses	171,887	154,224	127,105
Special Collections	17,465	29,958	28,961
Extraordinary Expenses	74,726	62,867	79,808
Total Expenditures	463,615	426,392	415,655
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (28,482)	\$ 28,970	\$ 36,801

Our Garden



Registered Households
2021: 520
2020: 524
2019: 540

Single Member Households

309



Baptisms
2021: 5
2020: 5
2019: 6

Weddings

2021: 3
2020: 1
2019: 1



Funerals
2021: 33
2020: 32
2019: 27

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 parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners; but, it was greatly assisted by both online and mail-in giving.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies.

I do want to call your attention to our new initiative. This year in faith formation our emphasis will be accompaniment, from the youngest child born to the eldest member of the church. At any age, we have so much to offer to our church family and the community. Ministries are being developed to journey with new families, high school graduates, the families of newly baptized children, and newlyweds. In the faith formation program, we the Church will be walking with the children and youth, helping them to learn about God's love and also bringing God's love to others. We will implement various projects that will be displayed for important feasts and holidays, as well as other important events. We are continuing to provide and develop projects for the church community such as the live Nativity, work camp, Divine Mercy, etc. A project the youth are going to finalize is setting outdoor Stations of the Cross. We will be looking into a project with the rosary.

As we provide for the needs of the families in our church community, we also look at the larger community and our schools. We received a great amount of school supplies that went to the local schools helping those in need. We will send packages to those in nursing homes, make Christmas boxes for the homeless, make blankets and hand out baby bottles. Lastly, something cool in the process is sending correspondence to children in another country. At least once or twice a month, we will have family days at faith formation. All the parents or guardians of the faith formation students will be enjoying the time learning and growing as a church family. These efforts will go a long way toward planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.

Ways You Can Give



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Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday - 9:00AM - 3:30PM



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