

Our Lady of Lourdes Stewardship Prayer

*Lord of all creation,
We praise and thank You for all the blessings we receive.
Everything we have is Your gift to us.
Through Your love for us,
You gave us the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ.*

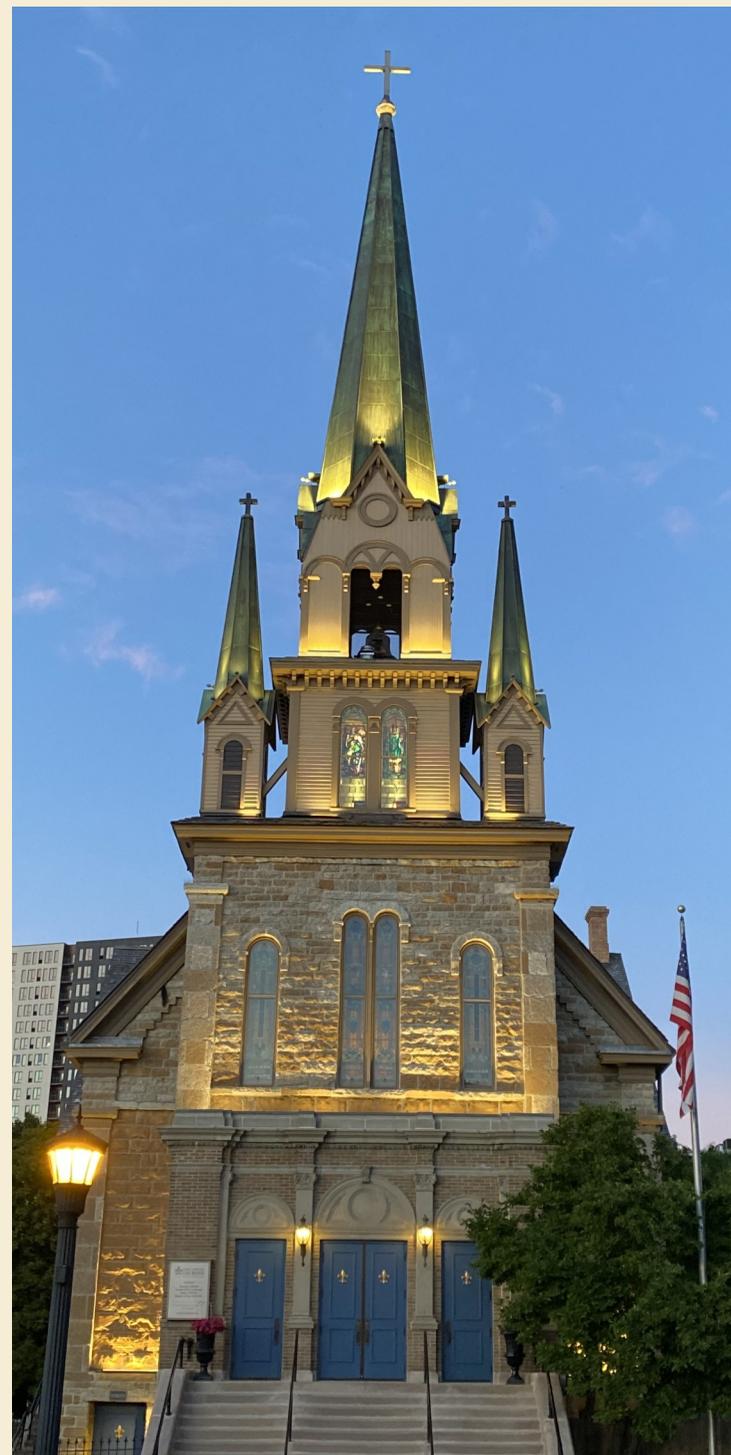
*Filled with Your love,
we respond to Your call to be disciples of Your Son.
Unite us as a community of missionary disciples.
Open our hearts and minds to Your abundant grace so that we
might become good stewards of Your gifts.*

*As stewards, teach us to receive Your gifts gratefully,
nurture them responsibly, share them selflessly,
and return them to You with increase,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Please return your response cards by December 8th.
Use the envelope provided to mail or drop in the collection basket.
The clergy and staff of Our Lady of Lourdes *thank you* for your
generous commitment to our growing parish!

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Report and Stewardship Initiative

*“As each one has
received a gift...
use it to serve one
another as good
stewards of God’s
varied grace.”*

~1 Peter 4:10

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this season of fall we are invited to reflect on God's bounty and goodness and the generous gifts with which God has blessed each of us. This fall, our reflections take place in the midst of a world-wide pandemic. These past seven months has been a time of suffering, anxiety and uncertainty for many throughout our country and world. Additionally, social unrest, intense political polarization and the attendant economic harm brought on by COVID have combined to create a surreal and fraught environment. In times of greatest darkness, the hope for the coming light and healing of God sustains us.

Christians know that this light is Christ. The love and truth of Jesus Christ has the power to transform and heal a broken world. Christ's disciples must stand ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we are called to carry the message of Christ to our waiting world and extend a hand to those in need. As we reflect together on the gifts we have been given and how we are called to share those gifts with others, we always begin with the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ. Through the Spirit, we are able to express our gratitude to God for all the gifts we have received.

For the past several years, parishioners and friends of Lourdes have been invited to prayerfully reflect on their gifts and blessings and to pledge a return to the Lord and our community of faith. With gratitude, I reflect as a pastor on the abundant blessings we have received as a community of faith, including the gift of your presence and commitment. The growth in our parish over the last several years has been remarkable. Over the last 8 years, we have tripled in size, more than doubled our income, completed two successful capital campaigns, completed beautiful interior and exterior renovations and most importantly have become a dynamic urban parish of missionary disciples. Today, our parish is marked by a warm and welcoming atmosphere, generous outreach to those in need, beautiful sacred music and liturgies, stellar communications, a committed and competent staff and a dynamic spirit of faith and fellowship.

In addition to our stewardship materials, please find the parish annual report. The parish, its ministries and its operations are funded by you and you in turn have a right to know how your contributions were allocated and spent.

A Year of Change at Lourdes

“God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their heart so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.” ~Ecclesiastes 3:11

Our Lady of Lourdes experienced a year of significant change. In the summer of 2019, we said farewell to Christopher Ganza and welcomed **Dr. Jacob Benda** as our new Director of Music and Liturgy. We also welcomed **Fr. Bryce Evans** as Lourdes' new Parochial Vicar. **Linda Ferris** began as our new Director of Children's Faith Formation and shortly thereafter, longtime staff member, **Patrice Stegbauer**, announced her well-deserved retirement. We welcomed **Hazel Jordan** to our staff in December as our new Administrative Assistant while at the same time saying good-bye to both **Dcn. Thom Winninger** and **Fr. David Haschka**. Sadly, we lost long-time staff member **Cheryl Brama**. We celebrated her life with a beautiful funeral Mass in early January of 2020.

In the late fall of 2019, we implemented two important volunteer groups in the parish. Our Parish Council, under the co-leadership of **Michael Rainville** and **Caroline Becker** began its work as advisors to parish leadership. The new **Facilities and Maintenance Advisory Committee** began to study and focus on all things that needed to be updated, repaired and maintained on our campus. They were called into action quickly and assisted with numerous immediate projects. Ongoing leadership also changed with **Michael Brenk** stepping up as the new chair of the Finance Council. We thank our outgoing chair, **Linda Harty** for her service.

The COVID 19 Pandemic closed the doors of our historic church in the spring of 2020. The weekend of March 14th and 15th was the last time Masses were celebrated with parishioners in the church until we reopened our doors on the weekend of June 6th and 7th following the new limited seating guidelines. Thank you to **Sarah Trask** and **Kelly Borke** for their hours of work ensuring pandemic regulations were met! Thanks to the great talent of **Josh Zenner**, **Sarah Moon** and **Julie Craven**, we went to livestreaming our 10 am Mass very quickly and the response has been extraordinary! Meetings throughout the parish became virtual and although phrases like “new normal”, “social distancing” and “mask mandates” became part of our lexicon, we have been able to celebrate together in small and limited, but meaningful methods.

Notwithstanding the challenges of COVID, we implemented some new staff to help enable the parish to move forward in hope and unity. In the spring of 2020, we were happy to announce the arrival of two new members of staff: **Michael Rainville** as the Director of External Relations and **Marshall Collier**, Director of Secure Environment. In the fall, **Dcn. Rip Riordan** joined our staff and he and his wife Lily, were welcomed into our parish community. We are grateful for the talent and skill added to Lourdes' staff!

Sacramental Life at Lourdes

“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” ~John 14:6

Our Lady of Lourdes continues to provide the sacraments to families even during a truly historic time. There is no doubt that these circumstances made for some very memorable photo albums! Thank you for celebrating with us!

Baptism - 21

First Communion - 14

Confirmation - 12

Marriage - 31

Thank you to our Baptism Hosts, Catechist, Marriage Mentors and RCIA Sponsors!

Time, Talent and Treasure at Lourdes

*“I will offer no sacrifice to God that costs me nothing!”
~2 Samuel 24:24*

Please prayerfully consider where your gifts can be used in service to the parish. Your pledge card is enclosed in this packet. We ask that you return it by **December 8, 2020**. Please make sure to fill out both sides of the card. Your financial pledge helps us to prepare our annual budget and your service selections assist us in connecting you to others in the same interest areas of ministry.

Opportunities to participate in the activities and ministries of Our Lady of Lourdes are many. Your talents and time are always appreciated and necessary to help us provide ongoing formation, outreach, events and evangelization. Although our plans changed rapidly and drastically this past year with some planned events postponed or cancelled, we believe the efforts to engage parishioners in the fabric of life here at Lourdes is something that continues to foster wonderful bonds of friendship, nurture us spirituality and create memorable events. Coming together unites us in our faith in extraordinary ways!

If you don't see something on the back of the card that sparks your interest, don't forget ... new ideas are always welcome! Just put a note on your card and we will do our best to address your input! Thank you in advance for your contribution to life at Our Lady of Lourdes!

Our staff, under the leadership of Mary Asp remains responsible and even frugal in its spending. Significant unforeseen maintenance expenses as well as decreased Sunday giving due to COVID posed a significant financial challenge this past year. However, the generosity of parishioners and friends won the day! It is remarkable and should be a cause for celebration and gratitude that the parish was able to end the previous fiscal year in the black. I am indeed thankful to our parishioners and friends whose generosity made this happen!

The good things that have been happening at Lourdes, even amidst our present challenges, could not occur without a commitment to stewardship. Stewardship is a prominent theme throughout both testaments of Scripture. Stewardship is not a slogan or a clever way to ask for more donations. Rather, stewardship is a way of life for the Christian disciple. It is rooted in the knowledge that all good gifts are from God. The gifts that God generously gives are meant to be generously shared with others. Building a culture of stewardship is the path forward for Lourdes.

Please see the enclosed stewardship pledge card. I ask you and your family to prayerfully discern your gift of time, talent and treasure for this current year. Your support and commitment are needed now more than ever.

Is God calling you to share your particular gifts with Lourdes in one of the various ministries listed? Perhaps God is calling you to stretch just a bit to increase your giving at a critical time for the parish. After prayerful reflection, I ask all parishioners and friends to return their stewardship pledge card either by mail, in the collection or at the parish office by December 8th.

Thank you in advance for your discernment and generous response!

Gratefully,



Rev. Daniel Griffith

Lourdes Statement of REVENUE:	Fiscal 2019-2020 Actual	YTD Budgeted	
General Operating Total	\$719,269.72	\$665,200.00	
Festival Total	\$47,617.67	\$113,700.00	
Hall/Kitchen Lease & Rent Total	\$3,775.00	\$14,500.00	
Music Revenue Total	\$29,575.00	\$6,000.00	
Liturgy Total	\$13,155.59	\$12,000.00	
Parish Outreach Total	\$61,736.00	\$46,000.00	
Sacrament/Formation Total	\$53,843.00	\$50,510.00	
Other Groups Total	\$1,956.00	\$2,500.00	
Revenue Total	\$930,927.98	\$910,410.00	
Lourdes EXPENDITURE	Fiscal 2019-2020 Actual	YTD Budgeted	
General Operation Total	\$440,269.56	\$498,591.80	
Festival Total	\$23,249.20	\$40,650.00	
Parish House/Church Bldgs. Total	\$121,721.37	\$68,752.00	
Grounds Total	\$10,029.83	\$6,025.00	
Rectory Building/Clergy Housing Total	\$36,327.52	\$38,741.00	
Liturgy Total	\$24,593.43	\$15,665.00	
All Clergy Services Expenditures	\$152,272.21	\$170,231.20	
Music Total	\$34,469.10	\$33,060.00	
Parish Outreach Total	\$69,467.35	\$24,250.00	
Youth/Adult Formation Total	\$3,347.45	\$2,600.00	
Sacramental Preparation Total	\$13,637.00	\$8,325.00	
Other Groups Total	\$869.76	\$2,500.00	
Expenditure Total	\$930,253.78	\$909,391.00	
Revenue-Expenditure	3	+\$674.20	+1,019.00

Our Lady of Lourdes Statement of Financial Position Year Ending June 30, 2020			
Assets	Beg. Balance	YTD Balance	YTD Change
Checking Account	\$33,451.75	\$49,865.53	\$16,413.78
Restricted Checking Account	\$270,652.55	\$309,839.01	\$39,186.46
Account Receivable	\$5,233.83	\$1,525.00	-\$3,708.83
Prepaid Expense	\$6,420.22	\$7,160.24	\$740.02
Land Total	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	
Building-Church Total	\$5,359,399.44	\$5,359,399.44	
Building-Parish House Total	\$849,000.00	\$849,000.00	
Equipment Total	\$634,090.03	\$634,090.03	
Furniture & Fixture Total	\$8,203.51	\$8,203.51	
Total Assets	\$7,183,451.33	\$7,236,082.76	\$52,631.43
Liabilities	Beg. Balance	YTD Balance	YTD Change
Account Payable Total	\$24,952.14	\$8,003.19	-\$16,948.95
Accrued Liabilities Total		\$150.17	\$150.17
Benefit Deductions Total	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01
Collections Total	\$1,500.00	\$106.00	-\$1,394.00
Deferred Revenue Totals	\$7,050.00		-\$7,050.00
PPP Loan		\$77,200.00	\$77,200.00
<i>The PPP Loan (Payroll Protection Plan) Is expected to be forgiven in the months ahead. This loan was received in April of 2020 to help offset costs associated with payroll during initial stages of the Covid shutdown.</i>			
Total Liabilities	\$33,502.14	\$85,459.37	\$51,957.23
Unrestricted Net Assets	Beg. Balance	YTD Balance	YTD Change
	\$7,149,949.19	\$7,150,623.39	\$674.20
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$7,183,451.33	\$7,236,082.76	\$52,631.43
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