

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

About this same time last year, I wrote you about a special appeal for “stewardship” for the parish. This letter comes because so many of the parishes in the diocese, ourselves included, have experienced less revenue in the past year, and due diligence obliges us to raise these concerns. For all of us, two points converge in this letter. The first concerns a continuing-if-now-different response to the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. The second concerns the impact on operations and mission experienced here and in parishes throughout our region.

Over the past few months, especially as a greater percentage of our population have been vaccinated, more of us have ventured out to events that bring people together. Attendance at Masses has increased modestly. As you have asked God to keep your family safe and healthy, I have personally prayed for members of our parish as together we face the ups and downs of the variants of the virus. While we have felt relieved to be with one another again, we do so cautiously. Many of you, I know, have endured discouragement, pain, or personal loss as the latest variants of the virus threaten even children.

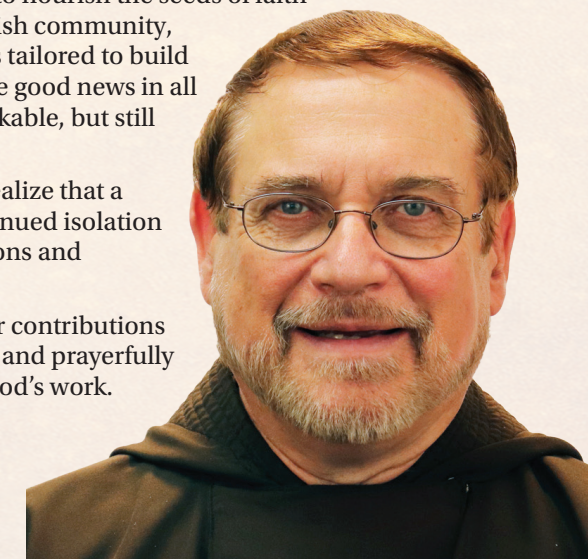
What will the future hold for us? While that’s uncertain, mandatory masking for youngsters in education has already returned along with encouraged masking in any social gathering like Sunday Mass.

Parish communities that come together to support one another and to reach out to the Lord of Life have been impacted. I hope that you have found some comfort in our local and diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, telephone calls, special mailings and special opportunities for prayers. Throughout the Diocese there have been special collections to support mission work at home and abroad, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and outreach coordinators who made crucial connections with the elderly and homebound. These few examples witness to the outpouring of love in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

Within our real limitations, at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish we have continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our parish community, especially through common worship, faith formation for youth and adults, and events tailored to build up one another. You have shown a love for one another that is genuine and caring. The good news in all of this is the harvest has been bountiful. Your support for our mission has been remarkable, but still falling short.

As pleased as I am about the impact of our outreach, along with Diocesan leaders, I realize that a tidal wave of additional need may be on the horizon. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean that the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet the needs 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 in its witness to Jesus. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your regular stewardship offerings so together we can continue God’s work.



Yours in Christ,
Father John A. Pavlik, OFM Cap

Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Lectors
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Catechists & Youth Group Ministers
- Communion Ministers to the Homebound
- Altar Rosary Society
- Christian Mothers
- Mercy Meal Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Youth Group
- Youth Ministry Social Service Projects
- Weekly Food Bank Collection
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Local Homeless Shelter Collection and Distribution
- St. Vincent de Paul Interviewer Volunteers and Retail Assistants
- Prayer Chain
- Facebook Page



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish help maintain the facility, making it a center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we installed doors at one church, replaced a major pump on the heating unit in another, and completed repairs to the parish office that included a new roof, new energy-efficient lighting and carpeting. We repaired the electronic bells in Lucernemines and evaluated the original bell and tower there; we also repaired a leak in flashing that required interior plaster repairs in the sanctuary. Rails to aid seniors were added

to the sanctuary in Lucernemines, and grab bars were added at the reconciliation room and sacristy; cabinets were hung in the servers' sacristy. After a parishioner donated a marble statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, an outdoor prayer area has begun to be developed in Coral. With the failure of the 30-year-old compressor in the air conditioning unit in Coral, we are working toward the acquisition of a new unit. Recently we had professionals evaluate the condition of the stained glass windows in Coral, a project first investigated more than 10 years ago but still awaiting us.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 330,776	\$ 311,900	\$ 333,275
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	8,283	5,062	5,914
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	24,271	13,808	26,827
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	11,997	11,704	4,119
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	73,383	112,096	109,913
Special Collections	31,210	30,040	30,733
Total Income	\$ 479,921	\$ 484,610	\$ 510,781
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 110,049	\$ 94,276	\$ 98,596
Church	44,393	25,491	31,533
Rectory	6,422	3,867	7,435
Education and Ministry	55,657	56,235	68,534
General Expenses	226,760	221,021	219,706
Special Collections	31,210	30,676	29,807
Extraordinary Expenses	19,550	46,414	62,799
Total Expenditures	494,042	477,980	518,410
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (14,121)	\$ 6,630	\$ (7,629)

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 669
2020: 685
2019: 755

Single Member Households

275



Baptisms

2021: 10
2020: 0
2019: 8

Weddings

2021: 4
2020: 1
2019: 3



Funerals

2021: 29
2020: 17
2019: 24

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 plant a healthy crop to sustain a mission. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory has remained modestly regular due to the generosity of our parishioners, and was assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal (thank you!). **Still, we fall far short of raising sufficient funds to meet operational expenses as well as to handle the extraordinary expenses facing us. We cannot deplete the savings necessary for our future.**

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. This year we have slowly re-initiated parish fundraising events left fallow for the past few years, so last autumn we held a November Election Day carry-out spaghetti dinner, and we held a very successful late August basket raffle with ethnic foods. In September we had a bake sale booth at the Homer City Hoodlebug Festival. I found the cooperation and sacrifices of our volunteers to witness beautifully to the unity of our parish and to our mutual respect and concern.

Some future events are already on the calendar, so please consider participating: another Election Day takeout Italian dinner Nov. 2 and a pierogi sale by the ARS (tentatively) in February.

I want to call your attention to our new initiative: We will host a Mass in Spanish for our parishioners whose first language is Spanish and for others working in Indiana County so that we do not lose these people to the practice of their Catholic faith. This venture will go a long way in planting seeds of faith in the next generation.

Ways You Can Give



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