

Saint Sylvester Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. I know it is a lot of information, but I want you to be fully aware of what the income and expenses were for our parishes and some of the other ways in which you have supported the parish, the Diocese and the second collections!

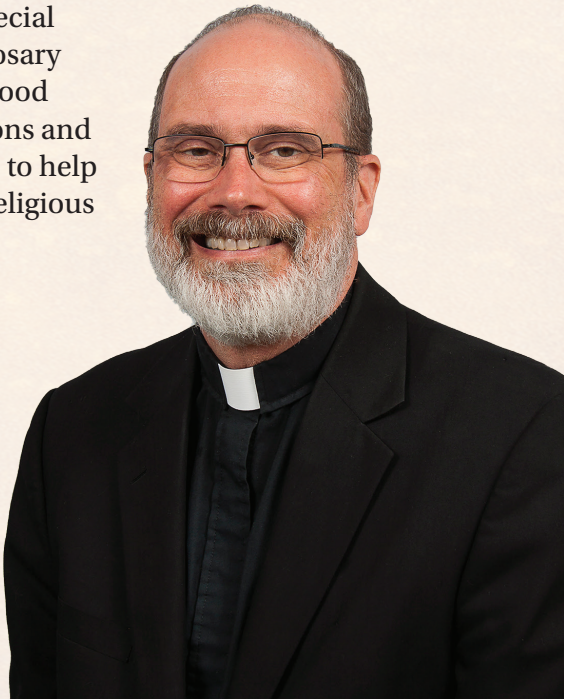
These last couple of years have been very challenging for all of us, including the parishes and the Diocese. Many people have fallen away from the regular practice of our faith. If you are in need of a revival, consider this a personal invitation to reunite with the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith. When you are ready, I welcome you to once again experience His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

I know that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing that covenant of love. Many do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

You can help us change that! You can uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to pray, both at Church and throughout the day. If you are not sure what to pray, then I suggest the rosary, and you can also invite others to pray it with you. This is an easy, meditative prayer, and you can also add special intentions or requests when praying the different mysteries. I often pray the rosary when I am driving. Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly and become a good steward by offering the gifts God has given you. Those gifts support our missions and ministries that will help others encounter Christ. Specifically, we need people to help with the liturgical ministries at every Mass. We need people to help provide religious formation for our children. We need people to help with our fundraisers!

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have already given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember our parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can bring the Eucharist to those who so desperately need it. With this report, we take an opportunity each year to communicate to you about our financial budgets, ministries and parish statistics. But I invite you to come see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!

Yours in Christ,
Father John J. Harrold



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Community

**Saint Sylvester Parish
Annual Report 2022**





Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this year. Thankfully our parish, and particularly our societies, are once again able to fundraise. This year, our parishes all participated in our Community Festivals; Saint Ambrose continues to do a variety of raffle tickets; Saint Matthew had record sales with its Take-out Lenten Pierogi and Fish Dinners; and Saint Sylvester was again able to hold the Fall Tea.

I want to call your attention to the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative to show as many people as possible what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the heart and soul. Look for more information about adoration and reconciliation opportunities locally to help confront the hardships that we face in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

Parish Financials	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 104,294	\$ 96,025	\$ 93,971
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,367	2576	3,470
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	3,378	7,682	6,622
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	17,616	18,775	20,950
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	16,894	21,513	27,292
Special Collections	5,773	11,261	15,105
Total Income	\$ 149,322	\$ 157,832	\$ 167,410
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 31,245	\$ 24,337	\$ 26,954
Church	12,752	12,368	12,222
Rectory	2,516	2,522	3,401
Education and Ministry	14,289	18,925	13,012
General Expenses	62,635	53,839	51,550
Special Collections	5,821	11,393	15,288
Extraordinary Expenses	23,472	31,697	50,648
Total Expenditures	152,730	155,081	173,075
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (3,408)	\$ 2,751	\$ (5,665)

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households
2022: 97
2021: 103
2020: 104



Current Single Member Households
49



Baptisms
2022: 0
2021: 0
2020: 0



Weddings
2022: 0
2021: 0
2020: 1



Funerals
2022: 9
2021: 6
2020: 11



Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Adult Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ministry of Hospitality
- Liturgy Decorating Volunteers
- Partner Parish Pastoral Parish Council
- Finance Council Member
- Facilities Committee — Concrete Work, Painting, Electrical,
- Carpentry/Construction, Grounds/Landscaping, General Maintenance
- Altar Rosary Society
- Bereavement Committee
- Martha Ministry
- Baking or Preparing a Dish for Parish Functions
- Parish Office Helpers
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Saint Ambrose Food Pantry
- Fundraising Volunteers

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically ushers, greeters and altar servers! Please call the parish office today at 724-697-4129 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

Capital Improvements



Ways You Can Give



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