

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How blessed are we to be able to walk this earthly pilgrimage with one another as members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church! No matter what is happening around us — be it a pandemic, challenges in our culture, or social strife — **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church is our safe haven.** It is the place where we can come together, gathered around the Eucharistic altar, to worship and serve our Lord.

It is also the place where we serve one another. **Here, united in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we can accomplish amazing things.** Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ each day. We value formation in the faith and sharing our faith with others through evangelization. We also know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors through acts of charity and service. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the truth stated so eloquently by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

With this in mind, **I invite you to respond to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church's new stewardship program: "To Love and Serve Jesus Christ."** Please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can play an active role in continuing the work of Jesus Christ through our parish community. Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions **in order to bring Jesus Christ to as many people as possible.** This is no easy task in today's climate, but I am confident that our dedicated parishioners are up to the challenge.

On January 28th and 29th, the parish will be holding a special Commitment Weekend, inviting members of our community to connect with one another and to make a financial commitment that will allow Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church to continue its important work. **We are counting on you!** Please participate in our "To Love and Serve Jesus Christ" Program and help us respond to God's great gift of love by loving one another with the heart of His Son.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church!

In Christ,



Fr. Michael McCormick

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CHURCH**



Connect with Us

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Phone: 570-368-8598

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Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and
bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code with your smartphone to
fill out your Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update
your current online gift amount at
[https://secure.myvanco.com/
L-Z4ZE/home](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4ZE/home)



Use your **offering envelope**
and bring it to Mass each
Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax advantaged
charitable gifts** such as IRA
Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or
remembering the parish in your
will. Contact the parish office at
570-368-8598.

To *Love* and *Serve* Jesus Christ

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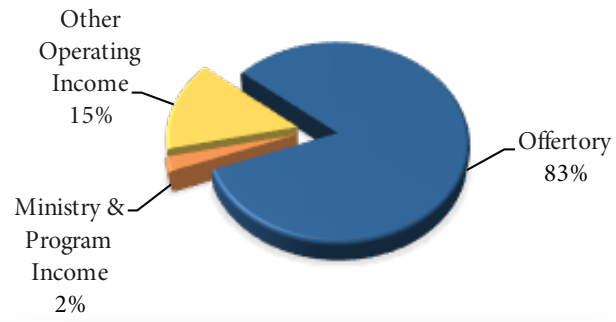
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Financial Snapshot: 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

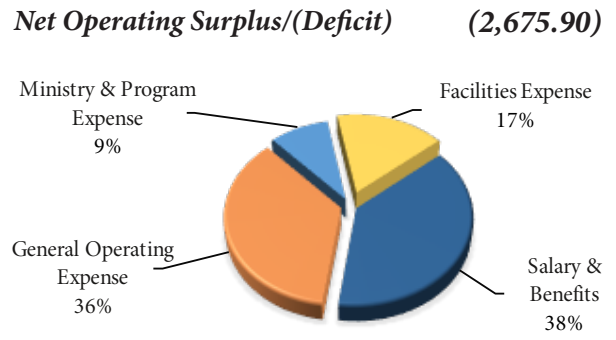
Operating Income

Offertory	\$379,520.35
Ministry & Program Income	\$10,709.26
Other Operating Income	\$66,771.71
Total Operating Income	\$457,001.32



Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$176,557.46
General Operating Expense	\$164,531.04
Ministry & Program Expense	\$41,657.36
Facilities Expense	\$76,931.36
Total Operating Expense	\$459,677.22



Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) (2,675.90)

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As we strive to love one another better, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship isn't a code word for financial support. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ and engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. Remembering that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

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Love Your Parish

654

Families in our parish

22

Baptisms

13

First Communions

15

Confirmations

31

Funerals

5

Weddings

270

Children

4

RCIA Candidates

Love Your Savior

416

Masses said in our church each year

67

Hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration

600

Visits by Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound

53

Parishioners served in Liturgical Ministry

32

Greeters + Ushers welcomed parishioners

Love Your Neighbor

1,000+

Families benefited from our monthly food donations and Giving Tree

20+

Funeral Lunches prepared and served

200+

Volunteers keep our parish vibrant and active