



Your Church, Your Giving, Making a Difference

Church of Saint Luke

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Dear Members and Friends of The Church of Saint Luke,

As I reflect on what a year this has been, I know it's time for us to now look forward to the future. Like most Catholic parishes, we rely greatly on the offertory collection to fulfill the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel and caring for those in need. We also have the reality, like many organizations, of paying bills and salaries, maintaining infrastructure, supporting our Diocese and running essential programs. Without your generosity, it would be impossible for us to fulfill our mission, which is needed now more than ever.

Moving forward, I humbly ask you to consider renewing and increasing the amount of your weekly offertory contribution. In addition, please consider the other opportunities for one time giving to help bridge the deficit gap and address any of our capital needs. Finally, please remember your church in your estate planning.

Through the Church of Saint Luke and your giving, you are honoring God. When we give to our church, we are making a tangible declaration to ourselves and our family that God is our ultimate provider and that no matter what is going on around us, our ultimate hope and trust are rooted in Christ. In Malachi 3:9-12 it says:

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Hosts, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the Lord of Hosts. "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,"
says the Lord of Hosts.

This is your church and your giving. And so, I encourage you to give joyfully as an outward expression of an inward commitment that Jesus is where your trust is firmly rooted.

May God Bless you.

Rev. Carmen J. Perry

Father Perry
Pastor

Parish Clergy



Fr. Carmen Perry
Pastor

Deacon Phil Zimich
Permanent Deacon



*"God is our refuge
and our strength,
an ever-present help
in distress."*

Psalm 46:1

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OUTREACH

Our parish is reaching out to serve and minister to those in need. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact us.

PARISH NURSING

Mindful of the connection between faith and health, parish nurses reach out to support those who are facing challenging health issues at any age.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Ongoing prayer sessions and facilitated self-guided retreats encourage those who desire a true, deeper, meaningful relationship with God. We are on this journey together, as a parish, to be closer to God and gain strength from each other to live the life he intends for us.

WAYS TO REACH US

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Financial Snapshot

**July 1, 2020 through
December 31, 2020**

Operating Income

Collections	\$397,686.00
Religious Education Program Income	\$5,931.00
Fund Raising/Development	\$17,745.00
Other Income - Memorial Donations	\$20,000.00
Diocesan Collections	\$19,559.00

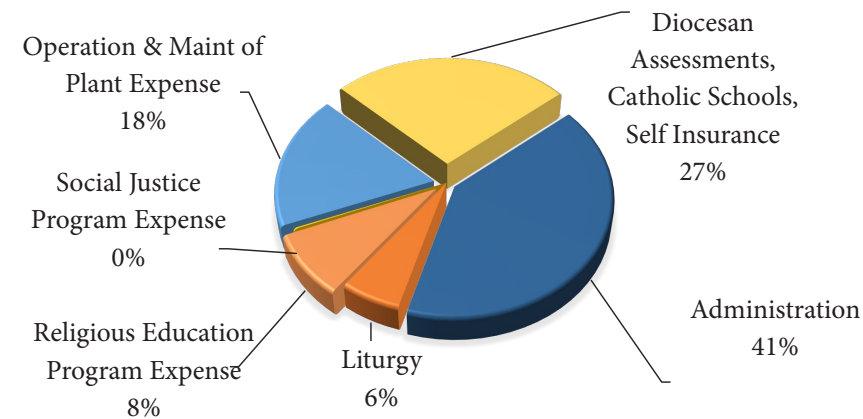
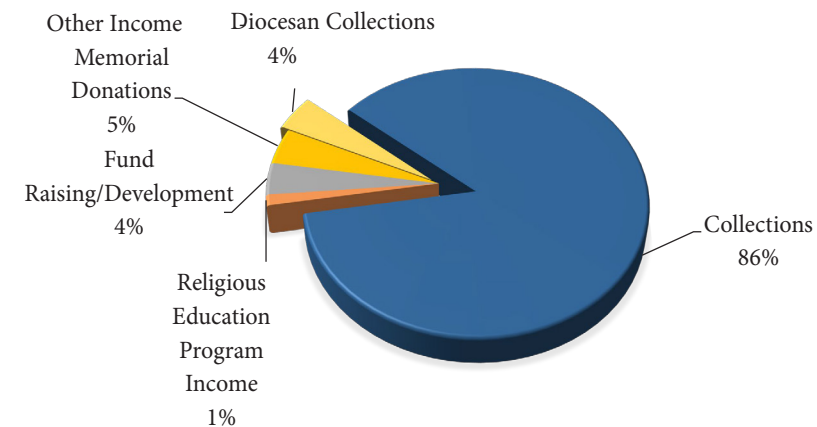
Total Operating Income \$460,921.00

Operating Expenses

Administration	\$197,237.00
Liturgy	\$27,942.00
Religious Education Program Expense	\$41,746.00
Social Justice Program Expense	\$791.00
Operation & Maint of Plant Expense	\$88,082.00
Diocesan Assessments, Catholic Schools, Self Insurance	\$129,881.00

Total Operating Expense \$485,679.00

Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) -\$24,758.00



***Our goal is to increase our collections this year by \$100,000 and our Capital Improvements funds by \$100,000.**

Ways to Give

ELECTRONIC GIVING

My Eoffering is a **easy, safe and secure** way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website at www.churchofsaintluke.org and click on my Eoffering.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are still provided as a traditional way to support the parish. They can be shared at Mass during the offertory, dropped off at the church office or mailed in.

STOCK OPTIONS

Donor-advised funds are another easy way to make a contribution, with tax advantages to the parishioner. Contact the parish office for more information.

WILLS & TRUSTS

Gifts may also be made by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust.

Understanding The Big Picture

Operating Income - Understanding Our Income

The income amounts that appear to the left are our weekly collection amounts from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. During those six months we received extraordinary donations from a couple of parishioners. Without those extraordinary donations our deficit would be much higher.

Operating Expenses - Understanding Our Operating Costs

The operating expense amounts that appear to the left are our regular operating expenses from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The amounts shown are expenses that are usual, regular costs of operating the Church of Saint Luke. Below are the most substantial costs within each category listed.

Administration—Salary, Insurance Benefits, Office Supplies/Copying
Liturgy— Salary/Benefits, Altar Flowers, Sacristy Supplies
Religious Education— Salary/Benefits, TV Broadcast, Books & Supplies
Plant Operations— Salary/Benefits, HVAC Contract, General Repairs
Diocesan Assessments, Catholic Schools, Self Insurance

Capital Improvements - Maintaining Our Parish Facilities

Included in the amounts listed to the left are some minor projects that we have completed over the past year. These projects are merely projects that needed done to reduce our risk and liability or maintenance repair items that needed attention.

Capital Projects completed in the last year

Sidewalk Repair of Rectory	\$ 8,500
Security Cameras/Entry Keypads	\$13,000
Dutch Doors Parish Office/Sacristy	\$ 6,500*
Trees/Landscaping	\$ 5,000**
Electrical Repairs	\$ 2,000

*The purchase and installation of the Dutch doors were donated by a generous parishioner

**Donated by Fr. Perry.

It is time to address some larger capital improvement projects that we have put off in the past due to raising of funds. The most urgent major projects that need to be addressed during the remaining 2020/2021 Fiscal Year and into the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year are:

Capital Projects for FY 2021/2022

Roof replacement of Church	\$55,000* (Completed)
Plumping Upgrades	\$30,000
Generator	\$70,000
Church Front Steps	\$40,000
Carpet in Church	\$175,000
Pews in Church	\$150,000 to \$300,000
Wallpaper/Trim in Church	\$75,000
Parking Lot	\$20,000
Garages	\$20,000

*The cost of the roof replacement of the Church has been donated by a generous parishioner

While the amounts listed above are an approximation, the need to address these projects is apparent and now more than ever, we need your continued support. Our goal is to increase our annual offertory by \$100,000 and our Capital improvements account by \$100,000 this year.

