

BY THE NUMBERS*

Families registered	1,694
Baptisms	29
First Communions	46
Confirmations	41
Marriages	4
Funerals	54
Children in Religious Education Program	233
Average number of people attending Mass each weekend (data from 2019)	783
Average number of people attending Mass each weekday (data from 2019)	20

*Data from 2020 or 2021 unless otherwise indicated

OFFERTORY REPORT

Number of parishioners...	
Receiving envelopes	1,047
Using envelopes per week	116
Using online giving	145

Parishioners who pledge their Offertory gift each year helps us to accurately plan our budget expenditures. We are especially grateful to those parishioners who have consistently pledged and given increased Offertory gifts for the last several years.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

In 2019 we completed the installation of pavers in the front of the church and much needed gutters. We continue to focus on the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and grounds, which includes landscaping and plans to repair the church roof, church lighting, and sound system. In addition, long-term planning for the convent and school buildings.



MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit as a Welcoming and Diverse Community, We, the Parish of Saint James the Apostle Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist, Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and Serve the Needs of One Another, as We Help Build the Kingdom of God on Earth.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Word

Adult Faith
Formation
Baptism Prep
for Parents
Emmaus Group
RCIA
Religious Education

Marian Devotion

(Novena)
Lector
Choir
Ministers of
Hospitality

Service

Angel Tree Network
Bereavement
Helping the Hungry
Pastoral Council
Prayer Shawl
Pro-Life
Prayer Line
Zita

Community Building

Family Promise
Knights of Columbus
Parish Festival
Scouting: Cub & Boy
Young Adult
Youth
Wellness & Health

Worship

Altar Servers
Communications &
Publicity
Environmental
Liturgical

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH ParishSOFT

Use our Online Giving option to help St. James meet the needs of our community and the parish. Visit our website to set up your account for automatic offerings donations.



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2021 State OF THE Parish REPORT

Message from Father David Santos



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we publish our 2021 Annual Parish Report. Please know how fortunate I feel to serve you. Further, I am privileged to be working with a great clergy and lay staff, and very gifted Finance and Pastoral Councils.

In this report, the Finance Council and I hope to provide you with a snapshot of our current state of the parish. As you read the report, we ask that you do so keeping in mind the following: **the purpose of the report is more than just a snapshot of where we are as a parish, it is an important point of departure as we move forward in faith towards where we want to go.** My experience in the military taught me the value of a very basic yet crucial point when navigating from Point A to Point B...**you need to know where Point A is before you move to Point B!** This report is our Point A. This report should help give us a clear yet sobering picture of where we are so that we can begin moving towards where we want to be as a parish community.

As you can see in the State of the Parish Report, while the number of registered families is quite good for a mid-sized suburban parish (1,694), when we look at the actual number of people who attend Mass and who consistently contribute financially, we see a less optimistic tale. If you look at our Financial Trends, they are worrying, even before you take into account the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections have declined in each of the past two years, along with most other revenues. Some of this, we know, is because of demographics - older Parishioners leave or pass away and younger families enter the scene loaded down with consumer debt, mortgages and even student loans. However, we suspect this is largely due to a decreased participation in giving altogether.

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You will also notice an increase in Building, Utilities, and Equipment Costs, which is in large part due to the parish assuming the responsibility of paying for the utilities and maintenance of the school building. Thankfully this Fall we were able to successfully negotiate a short-term lease with the Springfield Board of Education (Walton School) for our school building. However, this is only temporary, which means in short order we'll once again be assuming the cost of maintaining an empty school building that is slowly deteriorating.

In our efforts to meet the needs of the present while at the same time assuring a solid grounding for our parish's future, I have been actively working with the Finance Council in exploring options for our dilapidated convent building and aging school building that would not only service our significant legacy and mounting debt (over \$700,000.00), but also address various needs of our parish. Overall, your parish leadership is doing what we can to curb expenses as we creatively seek revenue generating projects and work towards building a parish stewardship-centered giving model.

While I understand that there have been a number of challenges over these past few years that have impacted us as a community of faith, I am not willing to shrug my shoulders and say that this is just how it is. I am filled with tremendous excitement and optimism at our parish's potential. Please be assured that I am wholeheartedly willing to do my best and give my best to this parish community – but I and the rest of the lay leadership need your help!

As you can see from the annual State of the Parish report, our first hurdle is a financial one. The initial step that we need to collectively take to begin moving from Point A to Point B is to **generously increase our weekly giving**.

After prayer and discernment, it is our hope that many, if not all, parishioners respond generously to this appeal in a way that gives us the momentum we need to build an increasingly vibrant parish community of faith, dedicated to the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need your support to keep going and to improve on what we've already achieved.

Friends, I hope you would agree that St. James has the potential to become an increasingly dynamic parish family. The parish clergy, staff, lay leadership, and I are all working hard to make St. James a prayerful place to worship, a great place for families and parish life, as well as a place where anyone can apply his or her talents for the good of all.

Thank you and God's blessings on you and your families!

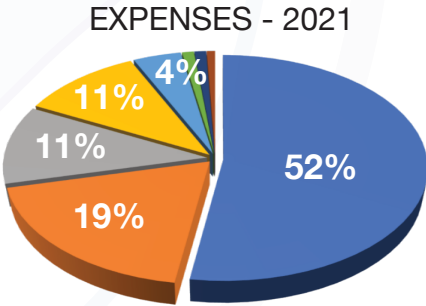
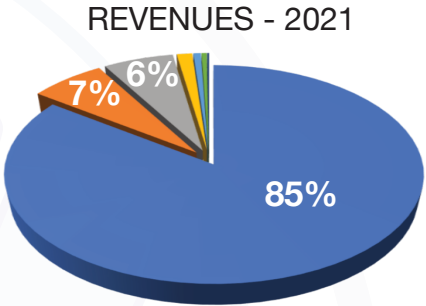
I remain sincerely yours in Christ,


Rev. David C. Santos
Administrator
St. James the Apostle Church

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH • FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED: JUNE 30, 2021

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
REVENUES			
Collections: Sunday, Christmas & Easter	458,538	495,307	496,646
Donations, Gifts, & Other Restricted Revenue	35,173	31,642	18,888
Religious Education Revenue	32,364	45,380	46,355
Fundraising Revenue Before Expenses	7,141	-	95,211
Interest Income	3,466	1,967	5,107
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,427	18,812	22,872
Archdiocesan Assessment Collections	861	3,616	4,093
Candle revenues	-	3,495	4,417
TOTAL REVENUES	539,970	600,219	693,589
EXPENSES			
Salaries, Benefits, Pension Costs, & Payroll Taxes	380,374	427,529	377,597
Building, Utilities, & Equipment Costs	136,292	64,400	61,021
Archdiocesan Assessments	81,252	83,630	91,785
Contracted & Professional Services	76,644	51,239	50,819
Liturgical, Office, & Residence Supplies	30,029	64,929	102,716
Religious Education {Excluding Salaries}	7,463	12,609	19,488
Miscellaneous Expenses	7,305	11,550	21,788
Fundraising Expenses	5,270	1,420	64,316
TOTAL EXPENSES	724,629	717,306	789,530
DEFICIT FROM OPERATIONS	\$(184,659)	\$(117,087)	\$(95,941)



NOTE: This financial summary does NOT include extraordinary and non-recurring items including renovation donations, renovation expenses, capital campaign donations, capital improvement expenses, bequests, and other one-time revenues and expenses. This summary is intended to reflect the results of operations only.