# Annual Report

# 2022

St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Parish Yorkton, Saskatchewan

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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

St. Gerard's Parish Pastoral Council seeks to celebrate the glory of God the Father and promote the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the precepts of the Church, building the Body of Christ and reaching out in love of the Holy Spirit.

### **PARISH STATISTICS**

	2022	2021	2020		2022	2021	2020
No. of Registered Households	1240	1244	1246	No. of Baptisms	19	25	16
Total No. of Parishioners	2736	2744	2731	No. of Confirmations	46	1	27
No. of Adults	1693	1662	1670	No. of First Eucharist	45	1	28
No. of Youth (high school)	177	209	165	No. of RCIA/Full Communion (Adult)	1	0	7
No. of Youth (elementary school)	352	353	309	No. of Marriages	10	4	4
No. of Youth (preschool) Age not known	103 411	110 410	170 417	No. of Funerals	28	39	31

# 2021-2022 COLLECTION (OFFERTORY) ANALYSIS

	2022	% of total	2021	% of total	
Envelope/PAG/Visitor (Receiptable) Collection	\$242,195	97	\$244,798	97	
Add:					
Loose Collection	\$13,124	3	\$7,095	3	
Total					
Regular Offertory	\$255,319		\$251,893		
	No. of People		No. of People		
Sunday Offering donations:					
- Over \$1,000	71		73		
- Between \$500 & \$1,000	92		95		
- Between \$261 & 499	51		64		
- Less than \$260	107		98		
- No Giving	43	364	100	430	
**Note: The total number of Envelope Holders and Pre-Authorized Givers in 2021 = 364					

### PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Warm greetings in the love and blessings of God. In the year 2022 we continued to face many challenges in our own family, community and society. We experienced how the pandemic has changed all, and, at times, it seems that there is no end in sight. We all have felt depressed, felt stressed, were isolated... However, we have continued all services such as celebrating Eucharist daily and on the weekend, and other Sacraments as well, as we did in pre-COVID times. We have been doing well. Let us praise and thank God for all the blessings and keeping us safe in a difficult year.

In the year of 2022 we celebrated 19 Baptisms for children; 45 First Eucharist, 46 Confirmations, 10 weddings and 28 funerals. 1 person joined the church, and we also have 2 people who have expressed interest in becoming Catholic. Again we should be aware that the number of funerals is higher than baptisms.

Like the years before, I tried my best to make as many visits as possible. I will continue to open for this. Please give me a call if you wish to have a visit from me.

I would like to express my thanks to you all for your generous financial contributions to St. Gerard's last year. Your generosity allows us to continue doing the work we need to do for our church and our community. Without your support we cannot do it. May God grant you great rewards for your great love and support for your spiritual home.

I am very grateful for all volunteers and the different committees for helping and serving your parish. Your time, love and support are all appreciated.

As I write this report we are at the end of February 2023. As you know life is more flexible without health restrictions, and therefore we welcome more people back to every celebration. The number attending services is increasing; every weekend we see people coming back and I would say that this is a sign, making the church more alive. Your presence at church says that we need God, we are hungry for Him and we come to entrust all challenges to Him. Please extend an invitation to others to come and celebrate the Eucharist.

In our parish we continue to have programs such as RCIA, Marriage Prep, classes for kids preparing for Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation.

We are looking forward to the future with hope and joy. I encourage you to keep positive, hopeful, and have faith in God.

May God continue to bless us and help us to have a good year when we plan and do our best to build up our church as a family, strong in faith, unity, love and joy.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Louis Nguyen, Pastor of St. Gerard's

### PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

- Mark Bell -

As parish we can look back on 2022 as a year of reawakening as our church reopened after the pandemic closures allowing all of us to renew our faith, our friendships, and our activities. Our parish councils and committees were active throughout the year.

We saw renewed participation in church attendance at masses as COVID restrictions were eased and eventually lifted. Our Easter Triduum services had a special significance this past year and our Liturgical Committee kept the church decorated with flowers, banners, decorations for our liturgical seasons. Thank you Father Louis for his effort to bring people back and all his works he has shared with our parish family.

Our Community Life committee was especially active in welcoming new parishioners to St. Gerard's as well as generously coordinating events and funerals and in providing baked goods for funerals / vigil lunches this past year.

The Social Justice committee once again supported the needs of those less fortunate through local Food Bank donations and volunteers for the Salvation Army Kettle program. Our 7th annual Giving Tree program was again very successful assisting over 170 individuals in Yorkton and area with personal items, small gifts and toys for children this past Christmas. This included supporting Shelwin House, Bruno's Place, SIGN and Salvation Army. St. Gerard's Parish hosted a Development and Peace workshop focussing on human rights abuses in Latin American countries.

There were many weddings held in St. Gerard's this past year. Signs that our world is slowly getting back to a sense of normalcy. Thank you to our various choirs, our Youth Committee, our Religious Education providers in your tasks and successes over the past year.

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) was extremely active in 2022 with many fundraising activities including a pie sale (April), Christmas Pudding (November), various raffles and their Garage Sale (September). Through their efforts, the CWL provided more than \$4,000 back to events and local charities in Yorkton and area. Most notably are 2 - \$500 scholarships to graduating students at Sacred Heart and a \$1000 donation to support the people of Ukraine.

The local Knights of Columbus chapter was equally active in providing Sunday brunches, meals, support and transportation for parishioners and pilgrims undertaking the St. Philomena Pilgrimage walk las August. In addition, the Knights supported local parishioners with fall yard clean-up activities and once again held their annual Christmas party for seniors residing in Melody Manor – Yorkton Nursing Home. Last weekend's White Ribbon campaign aimed at increasing the awareness of violence against women was held and all funds generated were gratefully donated to Shelwin House.

As a Parish Council, 2022 saw the adoption of a new Constitution and Bylaws for St. Gerard's Parish. This was the first update since 2002 and follows changes recommended by the archdiocese. In November we saw our first Christmas in November raffle and bake sale which saw over 300 people participate in buying perogies, cabbage rolls, spring rolls

and various cookies, cakes and baked goods before Christmas. A huge thank you to all who donated items, worked on countless perogy – cabbage roll making events and who donated their time and energy to organizing and carrying out this successful event.

Our Parish Finance Committee which includes both properties and hall were active in 2022. The committee continues to monitor the revenues and on-going expenses of our parish and outlying buildings. Unexpected repairs and replacement of air conditioning units, a water heater and a renewed focus on proactive repairs / replacements is making our parish more financially sound.

Thanks to the Ecumenical Committee for helping us to connect to other churches and share unity within us to them as sisters and brothers of Christ. And thank you to the Religious Education Committee for their continuing good works as they offer sacrament preparation classes for children, Baptism Preparation for parents, Marriage Preparation for couples, and RCIA program. We acknowledge and thank those who help for these activities.

2022 was indeed a year of renewal and revitalization for St. Gerard's Parish. Thank you to Father Louis for your guidance and unending energy, thank you to parish staff for your continued commitment during challenging times. Thank you to all who throughout the year assisted the various parish committees, working groups in providing their unselfish time, energy, and support to make 2022 a year of renewed success. Let's all join together and make 2023 an even better year.

### FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

- Nathan Bewcyk -

As per Financial Statements presented

### PASTORAL COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRPERSON

- Wayne Exner -

I would personally like to thank everyone that I have been in contact with within the last six years. I did not know what to expect initially but it has been informative and satisfying.

Anyone that would like to get involved with this ministry I would encourage you to do so.

What is the function of the Deanery? The deanery representative represents your parish in close contact with other parishes within the Deanery and shares ideas with each parish. Which parishes are in the Yorkton/Melville Deanery? Parishes in the local deanery are: St. Margaret Mary Kelliher, St. Stephens Kamsack, St. Henrys Melville, St. Anthony's Rama, St. Stanislaus Ituna, St. Josephs Canora, St. Patrick's Sturgis, St. Phillips in St. Phillips and St. Gerard's Yorkton. The chairman is Merv Polzen from Kamsack and the Dean is Father Joseph of Canora.

We shared our parish events and how to operate each function. This year one of the big celebrations within this deanery was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Rama. Another deanery

event is the St. Philomena pilgrimage run by Deacon Dave. He does a great job. We shared ideas such as the idea we used in the fall to replace the fall supper - Christmas in November. Melville had been switched to this for a couple of years. Father Sowa having been in Melville also ran it in Sturgis. All have been successful.

We also plan along with the Archdiocese - workshops. We led two workshops this year. The initial workshop was dealing with harassment and abuse. It was well attended. The second was on evangelization. Again with people from all parishes it was well received. We are planning another dealing with trauma especially since the pandemic. This workshop is planned for Yorkton on May 6. Workshops are open to everyone. If you would like to put forth a suggestion use your deanery representative. All workshops were hosted in our parish. Dean members like Yorkton because it is central and good hospitality.

Again thanks to all for the last six years and to Carm Molnar who shared duties with me. We were proud to represent you.

### LITURGICAL

- Colleen Haider & Marie Kruger -

The past year saw attendance at Mass and other Church functions much improved with the removal of Covid-19 restrictions.

We began the year with the mask mandate removed. Parishioners were still encouraged to wear masks but the choice was theirs to make.

Mass was live streamed to the schools on January 13th. Father would like to see Mass live streamed to all the schools once a month.

February 11th was The Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and The World Day of Prayer. Father Louis conferred The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick which was well received.

We had two Masses on Ash Wednesday. One at 9:00 AM and one at 7:00 PM.

The Way of the Cross was held every Friday during Lent lead by the different Pastoral Committees.

Palm Sunday we had the Blessing of the Palms in the hall and proceeded into the Church for Mass.

We were able to have the Easter Triduum celebrations. Holy Thursday we could again have the Washing of the Feet. Good Friday we had the Veneration of the Cross but asked the people to just bow to the Cross or touch the Cross. Blessing of the Easter Food was once again permitted.

Archbishop Don Bolen was to perform Confirmation and First Eucharist for the children Thursday May 26th but couldn't attend at the last minute. Father Louis conferred the

Sacraments on the children.

The Archbishop celebrated the first day of the new school year August 26, 2022 at St. Mary's Church.

The Memorial Mass was held November 4th in remembrance of those who had passed away in the last year. Families of the loved one lit a candle when their loved one's name was read and placed it in a candle holder at the base of the Altar. It was a beautiful service and was very well attended. Coffee and cookies were served after the service.

A ministries workshop was held 5th. All Ministries were asked to attend for a review and updates on procedures.

A Penitential Service was held in December 12th with four Priests assisting Father Louis.

Father Louis celebrated three Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and one Mass on Christmas Day as well as two Masses New Year's Eve and two Masses New Year's Day.

Marie and I would like to thank all the members of the Liturgical Committee for their help this past year. A big thank you to Father Louis for his guidance and support.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- Rene and Ophelia Adane -

We just finished the year 2022 and we are so grateful that despite all the challenges we encountered we were able to continue the mission God has tasked us to do for His vineyard. God always calls us on a mission where we can use our talents, time and treasure so that we can be the best version of ourselves. We appreciate and are grateful for all the effort of all Catechists who have volunteered in giving the preparation of the following:

Baptism Preparation - Ferdie and Christine Molo, Trevor and Laurel Baker,

Bri Borden

RCIA Preparation - Mary Bybliw

Marriage Preparation - Farley and Linda Maddaford Tri-Sacraments Preparation - Rene and Ophelia Adane

We would like to extend our gratitude to Sandra Archer who always provides us with all the materials, venue preparation, scheduling, communication and all other support that make our program possible. To all parents, thank you for giving your wholehearted support for your children in helping them to live a holy life and allow Jesus to live within them. To Rev. Father Louis Nguyen, who has unwavering support in making what is best for the whole parish, we give our salute to you.

We are looking forward to the continuous support you can give to St. Gerard Parish.

### **RCIA**

In 2022 one person joined the church. Currently there are two people who have expressed interest in becoming Catholic.

### **Marriage Preparation**

There were eight engaged couples that completed the six-week winter/spring or fall Marriage Preparation Course in 2022. We met in person and via Zoom to accommodate Covid and distance restrictions for a few of the couples. It is a privilege to share our experience of growing together in Christian marriage with those who chose to enrol in this program.

At this time, we are seeking other married couples who would be willing to help lead the Marriage Preparation program with the goal to provide a richer experience for the engage couples and develop a team approach for the program.

### **Tri-Sacrament Preparation**

The Tri-Sacrament Preparation Program (First Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Communion) started September 2022 with 43 Children accompanied by their parents. The program is held every Saturday at 5:00 PM followed by anticipated Mass specially for the children at 6PM. It is only this year that the sacrament of first reconciliation will be given together with the First communion and Confirmation. A special Christmas Eve mass was celebrated for the children last December 24 at 4PM which the children were very excited and happy.

As for the Confirmation retreat, we are looking forward and are excited to have Bishop Donald Bolen to celebrate with us.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

- Luke Nicholson -

I, Luke Nicholson, was appointed Chairperson in July. The previous six months saw things somewhat return to normal following the ease of pandemic restrictions. In that time, I oversaw successful social justice campaigns which have been some of the mainstays of our parish. Successfully carried out the Giving Tree program, the Kettle program in conjunction with the Salvation Army, and we hosted a workshop for Development & Peace's fall campaign.

With the exception of four or five ornaments which were never returned, the Giving Tree program was a significant success. Approximately 170 individuals or 60 families were assisted during the Christmas season. Gifts were distributed to the Salvation Army, Bruno's Place, various branches operating under SIGN and Shelwin House.

Our parishioners very generously donated their time and talent for the success of the Salvation Army Kettle day during Advent. We successfully filled all the available spots for the day that we signed up for. This year's Christmas Kettle program raised over one million dollars nationwide. Several of our parishioners reported that they found Yorkton to be especially generous with many people making donations of \$20 or more.

In spite of the Development and Peace seminar seeing weather led to poor attendance as well as the cancellation of the keynote speaker, our regional Catholic community nonetheless came together for an afternoon of fellowship and sharing of the trying times in our world. Specifically, we learned about human rights abuses carried out by Canadian companies in Latin America and how we here at home can do something about it.

At the close of the year, the Social Justice Committee has only used about \$160 of allocated funds which were for the reimbursement of purchases required to fulfil the missing ornaments from the Giving Tree.

### FAMILY, COMMUNITY & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Rose Marchinko -

Our committee did oversee the provision of lunches for funerals and vigils. Families are always very thankful! A total of 19 lunches were served here at St. Gerard's.

We have 2 teams of ladies and gentlemen who volunteer their time to help. Excellent job!! Thanks to Father Louis and Sandra who assist us in the planning format.

Thanks to all the ladies who generously donate baked items for these lunches.

As chairperson for the committee, I had made several phone calls welcoming new parishioners to St. Gerard's. Very good response from all.

We reviewed the new volunteer lists based on the 2022 survey results. It's difficult to recruit new volunteers. Please become a volunteer as our faithful regulars are aging!

According to the revised Parish Council Bylaws and Constitution for 2023, our new committee is now known as Family, Community, and Social Activities.

Thanks to all volunteers and to your commitment to our parish.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Jonathan Rosas -

No report submitted.

#### YOUTH

- Melinda Sevilla -

- 1. Participated as lectors, altar servers and musician during New Year Celebration.
- 2. Participated in the Holy week and Easter celebrations Mass helpers such as Ushers, lectors, altar servers, musicians and choir members.
- 3. Participated in the Simbang Gabi 9 days Novena mass as altar servers, lectors and musicians and choir members.
- 4. Participated and donated in the Christmas in November fundraiser in which we were able to donate 1000 pcs spring rolls and sold 22 ticket booklets.

- 5. Participated in the Annual Parish Cleaning Bee last December 4, 2022.
- 6. Participated in the Advent and Christmas Celebrations as lectors, musicians, altar servers and choir members.
- 7. Donated to the Families Christmas gifts through St Gerard TREE GIVING.
- 8. Youth members had been dedicated and committed as mass helpers during Regular Sunday Masses.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment in journeying with our young people together with their families in their Catholic Faith. God bless us all!

### **ECUMENICAL**

- Carm Molnar -

January 21, 2022 – **Encounter 2022** – Attended Praise and Worship Concert at Dream Centre church.

January 18 – January 25, 2022 - **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him." Prepared by Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon.

8 Day online Zoom bible study Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

April 27, 2022 – **Good Friday** – 1 hour 20 minute outside walk Stations of the Cross Hosted by St. Gerard's – 4 participating churches with approximately 50 walkers.

May 11, 2022 – St. Gerard hosted Yorkton Ministerial Association meeting.

May 28, 2022 - Ministerial Association hosted "Picnic in the Park" - 6 churches participated.

September 28, 2022 -Yorkton Ministerial Association meeting at **Bruno's Place** followed by tour of the new facility.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

- Linda Maddaford -

Through the year I submitted monthly Stewardship themed paragraphs, and reflections for insertion in the bulletin and from time to time specific Prayers of the Faithful intentions or intercessions.

In the spring the parish engaged in the Synod on Synodality, a period of deep reflection and process invoked by the Holy Father for the universal church. Material on Synodality was distributed with the weekend bulletin, information was available on the parish website, and I led a St. Gerard Synod Listening Session evening. Through a guided meditation, reflection and sharing time we gathered to examined what Journeying Together in a Synodal Way means to us as individuals of faith and as a community of faith.

Our comments were collected and submitted to the Archdiocesan Synodality team. Participants found the material and evening of reflection and sharing to be both rewarding and surprising. Participants also expressed the desire for more evenings of this nature.

In the fall I updated the Parish Stewardship Form and it was distributed after weekend masses. A Letter to Parishioners and the Stewardship Form was also sent to approximately 810 families by email.

From October to the start of Advent this year, I chose to focus on the Bishop's Appeal. We, as stewards serve not just ourselves, our families, or our parish community. Community has a larger meaning through our support of the Bishop's Appeal and the outreach our support provides.

As stewards, we use our unique gifts to build up the Church. We are a people called to share the mission of the Church: proclaiming, teaching, serving, and sanctifying. We know we cannot do all things, but we can do what our gifts lead us to do. The Holy Spirit summons us through prayer, reflection, planning, animation, and action, to participate fully in the growth of a living parish community and the world at large.

Thank you to the office for your invaluable help, and to PPC and Fr. Louis for your faithful leadership.

May what you give in prayer and gratitude be returned to you a hundredfold, filling your heart with gladness.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

- Paulette Cooper, President -

Our Mission is: "The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.".

Our first meeting of 2022 was held in March. It was decided at that time we would make and sell pies in April. Thank you to the CWL Members and a few men who made this event successful. In May, we gathered for a regular meeting and also a June Social Planning Meeting. We had a Garage Sale meeting in June as well as the June Social and BBQ. In August, we starting taking items for the September Garage Sale and held a final garage sale meeting. We were able to have the garage sale the first week of September with setting up on September 5th & 6th, and the Garage Sale on September 8th & 9th. Thank you to the men and women who so graciously gave of their time, talent and expertise to help make this event a huge success. We held regular meetings in October and November. Also in November, we shared a Memorial Mass for all deceased members of our Council, and a banquet with the Knights of Columbus. A group of CWL Members made Christmas Pudding & Sauce, which was sold at weekend Masses in November. Thank you to everyone who had a helping hand to make this event so successful. We had a membership drive on two weekends in November and one weekend in December. We finished off 2022 with a CWL Mass followed by a Social and Chicken Supper on December 7th.

Our fundraising events included the Pie Sale in April, the Garage Sale & Ticket Raffle in September, Christmas Pudding & Sauce Sale in November, and a Wall Hanging Ticket Raffle in December. Thank you to all who took part in the above fundraising events.

We donated to the following charities and organizations in 2022:

St. Gerard's Church	\$1,000.00	Pro-Life Membership	\$25.00
Parish 'Christmas in Nov.			
Basket	200.00	Esk-Omi Missions	150.00
Support for the People of		CWL National Voluntary	
Ukraine	1,000.00	Funds	300.00
Two S.H.H.S. Scholarships	500.00	Legion Wreath	42.00
Save A Family	264.00	Mass Stipends	100.00
Chalice	200.00	Misc. Gifts	200.00
C.H.A.S. Membership	75.00	Total of funds donated	\$4,056.00

Thank you to the group of members that make quilts to give to people in need. We also give gifts for Baptism and for 1st Communion/Confirmation recipients. Many CWL Members continue to take part in parish ministries. They also helped with the 'Christmas in November' parish fundraiser as well as make perogies & cabbage rolls. Thank you ladies.

In 2022, seven CWL Members passed away. We provided an honour guard for three members. Our council continues to pray for all current and deceased members.

Thank you to Father Louis for his spiritual guidance and inspiration during the past year.

As I conclude my three-year term as President, thank you to my executive members for all the support and encouragement, and to all the members for your willingness to help. It was greatly appreciated.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to watch over us, guide us, and give us strength to persevere.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Keith Hayward, Grand Knight -

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal men's organization that was founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, CT. (Fr. McGivney was beatified in 2020 and the cause for his canonization is being pursued.) Since its founding the Order has spread to parishes across North America and to other countries.

The Knights of Columbus Council #2031 has been part of St. Gerard's Parish since 1919 and currently has 138 members on its roster. The council meets monthly from September to June.

The council is involved in all aspects of parish life, with many of its members being active

in several of the parish ministries and providing assistance to Fr. Louis wherever possible. This is especially true with the extra services during the Christmas and Easter seasons. The council will provide an Honor Guard for a Brother Knight's funeral if requested by the family.

In addition to the councils work in the church, some of the activities and projects that are undertaken through the year are listed below:

- Parish brunches are held most months from September through May. This not only
  provides an opportunity for Brother Knights to work together in fraternity but also
  brings parishioners together with the chance to visit with old friends and make new
  ones.
- Bingos have resumed in Yorkton's new bingo hall after an extended hiatus. The
  council usually hosts two or three bingos a month. In addition to being a fundraiser,
  this provides another opportunity for fraternity among the members who work
  together.
- In recent years we have been providing meals to the pilgrims undertaking the St. Philomena pilgrimage to Rama in August.
- The council hosts rosaries on Mondays in October and May with some being designated as rosaries for life.
- The council helps parishioners who need with their fall yard work each October.
- A Memorial Mass is held each November in conjunction with the CWL to remember our deceased Brother Knights.
- Signs are put up each Advent at the church and in City Centre Park to share the message to Keep Christ in Christmas.
- The council sponsors an annual Christmas party at the Melody Manor unit of the Yorkton & District Nursing Home, complete with caroling and snacks.
- The council has its annual Christmas social in December.
- In January the council undertakes its annual White Ribbon campaign to raise funds for Shelwin House and to increase awareness of the issue of violence against women and children.
- The council serves a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper each year the day before the start of Lent.
- The council distributes flowers to mothers of the parish on Mother's Day weekend to recognize their important role in family and parish life.
- The council's annual windup is in June.

We would like to thank Fr. Louis for his support and encouragement throughout the year! Catholic gentlemen aged 18 or older are most welcome to join the Knights of Columbus and share in our Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

In Service to One, In Service to All!

### HALL

### - Nick Andrusyk -

After having several years of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to host many functions and meetings in 2022.

The Perogy Bee and Cabbage Roll crews were busy throughout the year. There were ten Perogy bees and six Cabbage Roll bees that provided enough product to net a \$21,377 profit for the year. Drive-through Fundraiser days, as well as the "Christmas in November" fundraiser, were very popular.

In addition to one anniversary banquet, there were three wedding banquets for couples who were married in the church.

The Funeral Lunch Committee served sixteen families at funeral lunches, and eight of these families at Prayer Vigil lunches. We hosted one Wake in July.

The Missionary Families of Christ held gatherings for adults as well as youth, and celebrated their Christmas Party in the Social Hall. We thank them for their support.

Both the CWL and the Knights of Columbus held activities in the Social Hall and the Meeting Rooms - General Meetings, Parish Brunches, the annual Memorial Supper for deceased members, and the Annual Garage Sale.

Parish Council committees also used the space – committee meetings, the Annual General Meeting, and a Special Meeting held in November. There was also one Synod Session, Marriage Preparation program, and Sacrament Preparation programs throughout the year.

A Development and Peace workshop and a Yorkton Ministerial Association meeting also used the Social Hall.

Rounding out the use of the facility were five Baptism receptions and two birthdays of parishioners who were celebrating a milestone birthday.

In addition, of course, the Filipino Catholic Community celebrated the Simbang Gabi Novena Mass followed by receptions in the month of December.

Overall, the Parish Hall and Meeting Rooms have seen lots of activity, and well supported by our parishioners.

Due to cost increases, it was necessary to increase the dinner menu pricing as well as the pricing for perogies and cabbage rolls.

Thank you to the volunteers who have worked tirelessly during the year. Without your gift of time and talent, we would not have had such a successful year.

### **PROPERTIES**

- Gary Colbow -

For the year there were replacements of existing equipment which had failed:

1.	The 5 tonne condensing unit supplying cool air	\$4,882.50
	to the east side of the church and installation of	
	same	
2.	The 76-gallon water heater	\$9,922.33
3.	Roof top lights for crosses	\$ 628.56

Total building expenses for the church and hall are as follows:

		2022	2021	Change
1	Building & Liability Insurance	\$37,332.48	\$25,432.04	\$11,900.44
2	Power	21,105.30	13,655.96	\$7,449.34
3	Snow removal	15,167.68	5,897.74	\$9,269.94
4	Building Repairs & Maintenance	9,658.12	8,059.05	\$1,599.07
5	Heat	8,813.78	6,658.70	\$2,155.08
6	Garbage and Recycling Collection	1,703.61	1,053.92	\$649.69
7	Water and Sewer	1,481.94	1,072.08	\$409.86
8	Equipment Purchases, Repairs & Maintenance	1,302.54	1,466.78	-\$164.24
9	Security	246.00	258.40	-\$12.40
10	Grounds Maintenance	159.56	303.65	-\$144.09
		\$96,971.01	\$63,858.32	\$33,112.69

In the fall of 2021 the air conditioning unit supplying air to the east side of the church was found to be low in Freon, and in the spring of 2022 it was found to be low again. The Lennox 5 tonne condensing unit had to be replaced.

In late July the commercial water heater sprung a leak and had to be replaced.

The two lights providing light for the roof crosses were burnt out. It was less expensive to replace these with new LED units, which are also less expensive to operate.

The insurance rates for the church and rectory have increased by 9.2% to reflect the increased cost of construction. Physical and sexual abuse insurance doubled and general liability insurance increased by 15%. The insurance for the rectory increased by \$436.58.

There were minor repairs at the rectory, including the replacement of cracked plastic piping and repairs to the telephone line which was pulled down by the wind.

Premium Fire Protection did their twice-yearly inspections of the fire suppression system in the kitchen, and the fusible links were replaced. Fire extinguishers were checked and upgraded as necessary.

Even though many furnaces and air conditioning units have been replaced in the past several years, there is still a lot of equipment that is aging and may need to be replaced in the near future.

There is a lot of time spent keeping the church, hall and rectory clean and operating effectively. Thanks to all volunteers who do a lot of work all year long, keeping the church and hall operating.

Things are starting to get back to normal, and hopefully we can get all of our parishioners back in the church, the same as before COVID.

# ST. GERARD'S PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS 2022-2023

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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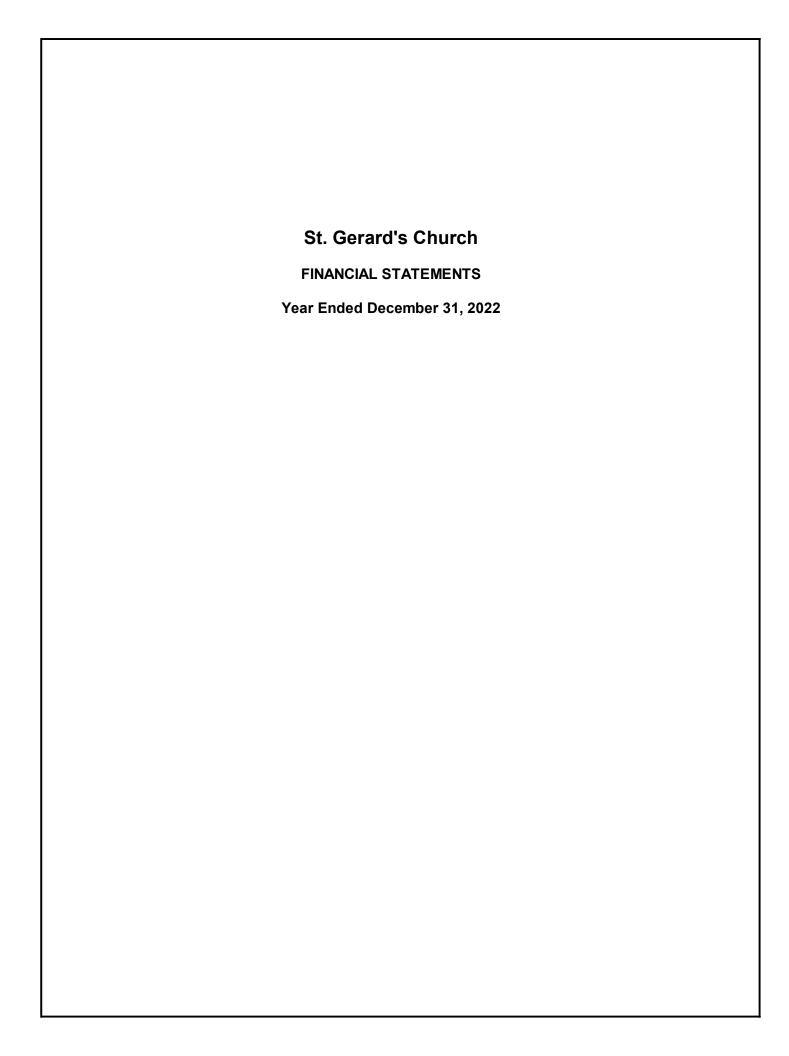
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Yorkton, Saskatchewan December 31, 2022

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### **Independent Practitioners' Review Engagement Report**

To the board of directors St. Gerard's Church

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of St. Gerard's Church, that comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2022, and the Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets and Cash Flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioners' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of St. Gerard's Church as at December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Baker Tilly SK LLP

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Yorkton, SK February 22, 2023

Yorkton, Saskatchewan Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Assets		
Current Assets  Cash and cash equivalents - note 4  Accounts receivable Inventories Prepaid expenses	297,191 1,394 4,041 30,315 332,941	309,345 2,008 3,602 33,296 348,251
Long-Term Investments Interparochial - sharing account receivable, restricted building fund, 2% interest, no set terms of redemption	18,837	18,436
Capital Assets - note 5	1,827,039	1,863,200
	\$ 2,178,817	\$ 2,229,887
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities  Accounts payable and accrued liabilities - note 6 Parish hall deposits	67,806 1,155 68,961	90,247 915 91,162
Net Assets Unrestricted net assets - general fund Restricted net assets - building and other restricted funds	1,932,110 177,746 2,109,856	1,970,649 168,076 2,138,725
Approved on behalf of the council:	\$ 2,178,817	\$ 2,229,887

Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
Balance, beginning of year	1,970,649	168,076	2,138,725	2,145,723
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	( 38,539)	9,670	( 28,869)	( 6,998)
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,932,110	\$ 177,746	\$ 2,109,856	\$ 2,138,725
The restricted fund net assets re	epresent the following	g:		
Building Cemetery Other			125,115 13,283 39,348	116,009 13,407 38,660
			\$ 177,746	\$ 168,076

# Statement of Operations For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Unrestricte	Unrestricted General Fund				
	Church	Parish Hall	Restricted Funds (Note 9)	2022 Total	2021 Total	
Revenue			(11010-0)			
Regular offerings	262,967			262,967	260,100	
Hall revenue	, , , ,	29,084		29,084	8,454	
Diocesan collections		,	27,792	27,792	36,268	
Donations	15,808		12,932	28,740	18,939	
Fundraising revenue	•		·	·	,	
- note 8	38,755			38,755	19,352	
Government						
assistance					14,917	
Interest income	2,078		1,090	3,168	361	
Other revenue	3,217			3,217	6,026	
Committee revenue						
- note 10	3,143			3,143	2,974	
	325,968	29,084	41,814	396,866	367,391	
Expenses						
Compensation and						
benefits	132,203	11,260		143,463	140,588	
Diocesan collections						
remitted			27,792	27,792	36,268	
Diocesan						
assessments	34,211			34,211	32,005	
Donations	1,000		4,202	5,202	4,170	
Catering		12,248		12,248	3,463	
Administration	22,089			22,089	20,429	
Committee expenses						
- note 10	11,535			11,535	11,063	
Fundraising expenses						
- note 8	5,674			5,674	3,556	
Pastoral expenses	1,465			1,465	1,328	
Other expenses	227			227	209	
Cemetery						
maintenance			150	150	150	
	208,404	23,508	32,144	264,056	253,229	
Excess of Revenue Over						
Expenses Before						
Building Costs	117,564	5,576	9,670	132,810	114,162	
Utilities	21,098	10,549		31,647	21,645	
Amortization	20,388	25,905		46,293	46,373	
Maintenance expense	18,307	9,684		27,991	16,781	
Property taxes						
Insurance	24,890	12,442		37,332	25,432	
Loss on disposal of						
capital assets	562	4,737		5,299	10.005	
Rectory expenses	13,117			13,117	10,929	
	98,362	63,317	0	161,679	121,160	
Excess (Deficiency) of						
Revenue Over Expenses	<b>d</b> 40.000	Φ/ F7 7.44\	Φ 0.070	Φ/ 00 000	Φ/ 0.000	
for the Year	\$ 19,202	\$( 57,741)	\$ 9,670	\$( 28,869)	<b>\$</b> ( 6,998)	

Statement of Cash Flow For the year ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Cash Provided By (Used In):		
Operations		
Received from donors and offerings	319,474	315,307
Received from hall operations	29,604	7,621
Received from fundraising	43,741	26,402
Received from government	1,708	13,757
Interest received	3,168	361
Paid to suppliers	( 158,308)	( 122,827)
Paid to and for employees	( 144,708)	( 142,020)
Paid to the Archdiocese - assessments	( 31,411)	( 33,805)
Special collections paid out	( 59,588)	( 24,058)
·	3,680	40,738
Investing activities		
Capital asset purchases	( 15,433)	( 17,294)
Additions to long-term investments	( 401)	( 361)
J	( 15,834)	( 17,655)
Net Cash Increase (Decrease) for the Year	( 12,154)	23,083
Cash position, beginning of year	309,345	286,262
Cash Position, End of Year	\$ 297,191	\$ 309,345

Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2022

### 1. Nature of Operations

St. Gerard's Church currently provides services of religious worship, ministry outreach programs and humanitarian services for people of the Yorkton area. St. Gerard's Church is a registered charity under *The Income Tax Act* and is exempt from tax.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Parish Council and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations using the accounting policies as summarized below:

### (a) Fund accounting

The accounts of the organization are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. For financial reporting purposes, accounts with similar characteristics have been combined into the following major funds:

### (i) Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds reflects the primary operations of the church and Parish Hall.

### (ii) Restricted funds

The restricted funds reflect the receipt and usage of funds held for specified purposes. These funds are further segregated into the building fund and the other restricted fund. The assets include cash and investments initially accumulated by the organization from donations. These assets are accounted for separately, and their use is subject to restrictions set out by donors and by Parish Council.

### (b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represents cash on hand and cash held in banks.

### (c) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

### (d) Capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization.

The assets are amortized to their salvage value using the following methods and rates:

	Method of Amortization	Rate of Amortization
Pavement	straight-line	30 years
Buildings	straight-line	5-100 years
Fences	straight-line	15 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	straight-line	5-10 years

In the year of acquisition, capital assets are amortized at their full-year rate.

In the year of disposition, capital assets are not amortized.

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2022

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

### (e) Revenue recognition

The organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Contributions, including government assistance, are recognized in the period received.

Service and other revenue is recognized in the period the service is provided or the goods are delivered.

Fundraising revenue is recognized in the period the activity is completed.

Investment income is recognized on an accrual basis. Interest on fixed income investments is recognized over the terms of these investments using the effective interest method.

### (f) Donated materials and service

The organization benefits from the donation of materials and services. These financial statements do not reflect the value of donations-in-kind received in the year.

### (g) Financial instruments

#### Measurement of financial instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in excess of revenue over expenses.

### **Impairment**

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in excess of revenue over expenses. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in excess of revenue over expenses.

### (h) Allocated expenses

The organization allocates certain operating expenditures to the Parish Hall based on the square-footage of the building and the proportionate use of the organization's staff.

### (i) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reported period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they became known.

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2022

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

### (i) Estimates - continued

Significant estimates have been made in the following financial statement areas:

- The proportional allocation of common operating expenses between the church and the Parish Hall
- The estimated useful life and salvage value of capital assets
- The estimated assessment liability due to the Archdiocese of Regina

### 3. Risks Arising from Financial Instruments

The organization is not exposed to significant risks through its financial instruments with the exception of interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed and floating interest rate financial instruments. Fixed-rate instruments subject the organization to fair value risk, while floating interest rate instruments subject it to cash flow risk.

4.	Cash and Cash Equivale	ents		2022	2021
	Cash and cash equivalent	s are comprised of	the following:		
	Bank - operating acco Bank - building accou Bank - trust account			138,281 106,278 52,632	159,704 97,573 52,068
				\$ 297,191	\$ 309,345
5.	Capital Assets				
			Accumulated	Net Book	Net Book
		Cost	Amortization	Value 2022	Value 2021
	Land	<b>Cost</b> 20,000			
	Land Pavement			2022	2021
		20,000	Amortization	<b>2022</b> 20,000	<b>2021</b> 20,000
	Pavement	20,000 28,019	Amortization 23,546	<b>2022</b> 20,000 4,473	<b>2021</b> 20,000 5,314
	Pavement Buildings Fences	20,000 28,019 2,735,156	<b>Amortization</b> 23,546 944,118	2022 20,000 4,473 1,791,038	2021 20,000 5,314 1,824,258

2,844,855

\$ 1,017,816

\$ 1,827,039

1,863,200

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2022

6.	Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	2022		2021
	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are comprised of the following items:			
	Accounts payable - general Accounts payable - Archdiocese of Regina Government remittances Wages and benefits payable	 8,086 34,900 3,700 21,120	_	6,313 58,719 2,759 22,456
		\$ 67,806	\$	90,247

### 7. Allocated Expenses

Certain common operating expenses are allocated to the Parish Hall on a proportional basis.

One-third of electricity, heat, security, water and sewer, snow removal and insurance, totaling \$28,047 (\$17,617 in the prior year), is included in the building expense of the Parish Hall in the Statement of Operations.

As well, one-third (one-half in the prior year) of common salaries and benefits, totaling \$11,032 (\$10,390 in the prior year), is included in salaries and benefits of the Parish Hall in the Statement of Operations.

### 8. Schedule of Fundraising Activities - Unrestricted Fund

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Income 2022	Net Income 2021
Christmas in November	4,725	39	4,686	
Perogies and cabbage rolls	26,294	4,917	21,377	15,758
Sales of religious articles	827	718	109	37
Raffle	6,909		6,909	
	\$ 38,755	\$ 5,674	\$ 33,081	\$ 15,795

### 9. Schedule of Restricted Funds

	Other Restricted Fund	Building Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Revenue				
Diocesan collections	27,792		27,792	36,268
Donations	4,227	8,705	12,932	10,245
Interest	689	401	1,090_	361
	32,708	9,106	41,814	46,874
Expenses				
Diocesan collections remitted	27,792		27,792	36,268
Donations	4,202		4,202	4,170
Cemetery maintenance	150		150	150
	32,144	0	32,144	40,588
	\$ 564	\$ 9,106	\$ 9,670	\$ 6,286

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2022

# 10. Schedule of Committee Revenue and Expenses

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Cost 2022	Net Cost 2021
Family and social committee		245	245	
Liturgy committee	1,128	7,036	5,908	5,114
Religious education committee	2,015	2,306	291	167
Social justice committee		254	254	1,495
Ecumenical committee		188	188	
Parish council		1,506	1,506	1,313
	\$ 3,143	\$ 11,535	\$ 8,392	\$ 8,089