
Annual
Report

2024

**St. Gerard 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

	2024	2023	2022		2024	2023	2022
No. of Registered Households	1248	1250	1240	No. of Baptisms	22	26	19
Total No. of Parishioners	2801	2787	2736	No. of Confirmations	36	42	46
No. of Adults	1790	1752	1693	No. of First Eucharist	39	42	45
No. of Youth (high school)	182	176	177	No. of RCIA/Full Communion (Adult)	3	1	1
No. of Youth (elementary school)	354	365	352	No. of Marriages	0	3	10
No. of Youth (preschool)	93	103	103	No. of Funerals	22	16	28
Age not known	382	391	411				

2023-2024 COLLECTION (OFFERTORY) ANALYSIS

	2024	% of total	2023	% of total
Envelope/PAG/Visitor (Receiptable) Collection	\$270,080	90	\$259,014	91
Add:				
Loose Collection	\$28,558	10	\$25,600	9
Total Regular Offertory	\$298,638		\$284,614	
**Note: The total number of Envelope Holders and Pre-Authorized Givers in 2024 = 423				

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

-Mark Bell-

The role of Parish Pastoral Council is to act as a consultative body serving the parish alongside the Pastor in the spirit of mutual appreciation, charity and dialogue, to be a key instrument of lay leadership in the Pastoral care of the parish as a living, witnessing Christian community and to share the concerns of the broader church including other parishes, deaneries, diocese and church universal. The Parish Pastoral Council strives to enable the parish community to the gospel message to all people and places in their neighbourhood and beyond and to set an example of a Christian community in action.

2024 was a year of change...

Automation was enhanced when new visual display screens were added into the sanctuary which aid parishioners to participate in music ministry, prayers and worship.

A general cleaning of the church, hall, kitchen and washrooms took place in September. Stripped wax, power washed vinyl flooring throughout and applied wax sealer which made the floors look like new. The general makeover then ventured to replace front entrance doors on west church access that were unsecured and no replacement parts were available across country. New doors ordered were and installed. Thanks to revenues generated from parish activities no new funds were needed.

A new caretaker was hired, and successful training was provided.

A Vision and Mission long term planning model was rolled out and the first stages of a longer-term strategy to re-grow St. Gerard's Parish is being developed. Over the year we saw more people returning to church services, rolling out a new Children's Liturgy program, more success and participation in various church choirs, more volunteers and support for ministry personnel.

Our 3rd annual Christmas in November raffle and bake sale on Saturday November 25, and hosted more than 300 shoppers looking for baked items, spring rolls and essential perogies / cabbage rolls for the upcoming Christmas season. A total of seven (7) raffle baskets each valued at \$250 each were provided and the success of this event raised over \$11,000 for our parish.

Support for our Catholic students continued with the ongoing pledge of our scholarship program for two (2) worthy students at Sacred Heart High School. In addition to the scholarships offered by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League a total of four (4) - \$500 scholarships were presented to deserving students.

In 2024 we continued to support programs for the needy and less fortunate. Our Giving Tree program provided over 250 items and gifts to needy families and individuals across our community. Many food hampers and food collections were supported and donated to Yorkton's Food Bank. Youth from our parish were happy participants in assisting the Salvation Army wrap numerous presents for needy community recipients.

As our buildings age we must care for them continually or face major issues in time. In

2024 we replaced two (2) furnaces with new highly efficient models, a roof top make-up air unit and standardized our acquisition and supply of consumable items such as paper towels, soaps for dispensers, floor cleaners and other items. By doing so we now have local suppliers with stock product and local support. We need to be ready and well planned when major replacements for such largescale pavement repairs, church, hall, office roof replacement or window replacements are necessary.

Lastly in discussion with the Archdiocese of Regina we were advised that the Holy Trinity Church building south of Otthon has been decommissioned as a church. It is our responsibility to do something with the structure. We are now working with local individuals and parishioners to assess and determine how we preserve not only the heritage of the building and site but respect the many parishioners and individuals who were laid to rest in their cemetery.

2025 started as a year full of challenges but it also provides us, as a parish, opportunities to reconnect with our church, our community, and our families.

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

- Nathan Bewcyk -

The role of the Parish Finance Council is to act as a consultative body serving the parish in close collaboration with the Pastor, to oversee the financial parish, to provide financial and administrative planning and consultation, and to work collaboratively with the Parish Pastoral Council to ensure the parish is understood and supported financially.

As per Financial Statements presented

LITURGICAL

- Colleen Haider & Marie Kruger -

The Liturgical Committee, in cooperation with the Pastor, is responsible to provide for meaningful liturgical celebrations within St. Gerard's Parish over the course of the liturgical year.

- Attendance at Mass and Church functions has improved again this year. The addition of Children's Liturgy has greatly increased attendance at the 11:00 AM Mass. Attendance at Children's Liturgy has been over thirty children most Sundays.
- Father has continued to be able to say Mass at The Yorkton Nursing Home in the North and South Wings as well as at The Yorkton Crossing and Bentley Senior's residences.
- Saturday January 27th was our Vision and Mission Workshop. All Committee Chairs as well as many Parishioners attended the workshop.
- The Presentation of the Lord was February 2nd. People in attendance were given candles which Father blessed in the Welcome Area before Mass. The people were allowed to take the candles home with them.

- Palms from last year were burned in a beautiful ceremony on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th. The ashes were used at Ash Wednesday Masses February 14th. Masses were celebrated at 9:30 AM, 1:15 PM and 7:00 PM.
- Lenten Lunches were served each Thursday during Lent after 12:05 PM Mass. The lunches raised \$1,389.93 and the money was donated to St. Mary's School Lunch Program.
- Members of our different Parish Committees took turns leading the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM followed by Mass.
- A Penitential Service was held March 12th at 7:00 PM with five Priests hearing Confessions.
- Palm Sunday was March 24th. We gathered in the hall and processed into the Church after receiving our blessed Palms.
- Holy Thursday Father washed the feet of twelve people varying in ages, followed by Mass and The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.
- Holy Saturday there was the blessing of Easter food at 2:00 PM. The Easter Vigil was at 8:00 PM.
- Easter Sunday Masses were at 9:00 and 11:00 AM
- Sacred Heart graduation was Saturday May 25th with Mass at St. Mary's Church.
- Confirmation and First Holy Communion was celebrated June 2nd.
- June, July and August saw us celebrating only two weekend masses, Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM. Father was not able to say Mass at Good Spirit this year because the Recreation Hall was booked every weekend.
- Thursday September 12th was a Hospitality Meeting from 7:00 – 8:30 PM to discuss ways to make our Parish more welcoming.
- October 5th and 6th were our first Name Tag Sundays. Everyone filled out a name tag and wore it during Mass. We introduced ourselves to people around us after "The Sign of Peace". A reception was held after each Mass so people could socialize with their fellow parishioners. We continue to do this the first weekend of each month.
- Our Bible Study titled "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" began Wednesday October 9th and continued for 8 weeks.
- Thursday October 24th and Saturday October 26th were Liturgical Ministry Workshops. The different Ministries in our Church were explained and people were encouraged to volunteer for any Ministry they were interested in.
- Our memorial Service was Saturday November 2nd, All Souls Day, at 10:30 AM in remembrance of those who had passed away in the last year. Families of the deceased family member lit a candle when their loved one's name was read and placed it in front of their family member's picture. A red rose was behind their picture on the Sanctuary. It was a beautiful ceremony and was very well attended. Refreshments were served after Mass.
- Thursday December 12th was a Penitential Service at 7:00 PM with five Priests in attendance to hear Confessions.
- Father said two Masses on Christmas Eve, 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM. A Candle lighting ceremony was included at both Masses. Father said Mass at 10:00 AM on Christmas Day.
- There was one Mass on New Year's Eve at 5:00 PM; New Year's Day Mass was at 10:00 AM.

- Marie and I would like to thank all of the volunteers in the various Ministries for all of their help and dedication to our Church. We would also like to thank the crew that helped us with the set up and take down of Christmas decorations.
- A big thank you to Father Antony and Sandra Archer for all their guidance and support this past year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Rene and Ophelia Adane -

The Religious Education Committee, in conjunction with the Pastor, is to assist parishioners in the development of their spiritual life by providing all parish members and inquirers with an opportunity to further their knowledge of the Roman Catholic Faith.

We are grateful and appreciate all catechists and volunteers who in one way or another have helped us in the 2024 program for the preparation of the Sacraments. We appreciate the parents' full support for their children in the effort of knowing God in a deeper way by receiving the sacraments.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The program started January 25 a meet and greet with the Parents of 40 registered participants. An enrollment ceremony was held the Sunday before the session proper started. Both parents and children made their commitment to this journey. The congregation was asked to pray for them as one family in Christ by offering prayers and support to the best that they can. Sessions were held every Thursday at 7:00 - 8:30 PM. On June 2, 34 Children received Sacrament of First Holy Communion, 31 Children received Sacrament of Confirmation. 3 Children received the Sacraments at St. Joseph Canora

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On September 19 a meet and greet was held with the parents of 19 candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by the Commitment ceremony for both parents and children. The session proper started Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 PM. The sacrament was celebrated at the Penitential Service on December 5 with five priests from neighbouring parishes officiating.

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

There were five candidates for RCIA, 2 were baptized, confirmed and received First Holy Communion; 3 were received into Full Communion with the Catholic church.

BAPTISM

There were twelve families who prepared for the baptism of their child.

Pictures of the sacrament candidates are posted on the bulletin board in the church. The congregation is asked to pray for them during the program assuring them that the whole parish family is journeying with them. For the greater Glory of God!

SOCIAL ACTION/JUSTICE

- Jenny & Hector Baraoidan –

The Social Action/Justice Committee is responsible for the social mission or the parish both within and outside parish boundaries. It is also responsible for the promotion and education of the local parish on the church's biblical and social teaching regarding issues of justice and peace. It works closely with the Pastor and with those groups within our community and Archdiocese who study the issues of social justice.

The Social Action Committee serves as a ministry to promote and advocate for justice, peace, and the dignity of every person. We had several Social Action Committee activities last fall 2024, namely:

- **Salvation Army Kettle Campaign**

On Dec 18, we were able to man the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, through volunteer work of our parishioners. We had a total of 16 shifts filled across the 4 locations – Parkland Mall, Walmart, Superstore and Save On Foods.

- **Giving Tree**

We had a total of 269 gift tags last Christmas, and there were 61 tags that were left. Received monetary donation from Baker Tilly for \$1000 and \$200 from CWL. CWL had also donated \$300 worth of gifts. Expenses for the 61 gift tags remaining was \$1,361.29.

- **Salvation Army Food Bank**

Bernadette K has continuously been collecting food donations from the donation bin and bringing to the Food Bank on a weekly basis.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and resources to these initiatives. Your generosity continues to make a difference in our community!

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Family, Community and Social Activities Committee is responsible for promoting Christian growth among parish families and for developing a sense of belonging and community.

The Family, Community and Social Committee functioned throughout 2024 with the support and contributions of many volunteers and the support of the parish office administration staff.

Parishioners are now familiar with the Fellowship event called Name Tag Sunday that is held the first weekend of the month. After Mass on Saturday evening and the two Masses on Sunday morning, parishioners have an opportunity to get to know each other as they meet in a social atmosphere for refreshments. These events are supported by the parish council, the committee and volunteers.

Coffee served after weekday Masses has been an ongoing opportunity for those attending Mass to share experiences and find spiritual and emotional support.

Father Sathi Antony's birthday was celebrated with birthday cake and refreshments.

The committee and volunteers supported the workshops, meetings and retreats held at St. Gerard's Church. These events included Development & Peace, Deanery meetings, Liturgical Ministry workshop, Funeral Planning workshop, as well as the Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation retreats and celebrations.

Many of the events supported by the committee and volunteers are attended by visitors from outside St. Gerard's Parish.

Over this past year many funerals, vigils and memorials have been a part of the good works of St. Gerard's Parish. A committed group of volunteers were organized to support grieving families by providing lunches and refreshments. Many volunteers are needed for the success of meal planning, luncheon and meal preparations, serving and cleanup.

This report concludes with a thank you to all of the volunteers and the parish office staff for their continuing support of the Family, Community, and Social Activities, and an invitation for others to join and support this committee as we promote Christian growth among parish families and a sense of belonging and community.

Submitted by Juliette Franke & Rosemarie Todos

YOUTH

- Scott & Colleen Hoffort -

The Youth Committee is responsible for fostering and coordinating the activities of the youth of the parish.

Mission

St. Gerard's Youth Ministry is open to youth in grades 8-12. The ministry will focus on four key elements: Faith, Fellowship, Food, and Fun.

- **Faith:** Providing opportunities for youth to grow spiritually and live out their faith.
- **Fellowship:** Building a supportive community where youth can form meaningful relationships.
- **Food:** Sharing meals together, like Jesus did with His friends, enhancing the experience.
- **Fun:** Creating enjoyable yet meaningful activities to learn and grow in faith.

Our goal is to help our youth develop a lifelong love for God and a strong connection to the Church. We strive to achieve these goals through a minimum of one youth gathering per month.

We also understand the important role music plays in the lives of our youth. St. Gerard's Youth Music Ministry has a goal of learning new upbeat music to praise God in the mass and is open to youth grades 4 - 12. This group is led by our youth musicians and singers

under the guidance and direction of Rita Hilbig, Christine Bohn and Scott Hoffort. All youth who love to sing and lead others in song, play an instrument and want to share their talent are invited to join the St Gerard's Youth Music Ministry in song once a month.

November 17, 2024 – St. Gerard's Youth Music Ministry took on leadership for the 11:00 AM mass which went very well. Fourteen youth participated with great energy and heavenly voices.

Fourteen youth came to the St. Gerard's Youth Ministry kick-off also on November 17th. We played an ice-breaker, and went for a picture scavenger hunt to get to know the church better. We also did a directional survey to see what the kids wanted for future events. We offered snacks and drinks and all involved thought it was a successful kick-off to the youth ministry.

December 15, 2024 – St. Gerard's Youth Music Ministry led the music ministry for the 11:00 AM mass. Rita Hilbig, Christine Bohn and Scott Hoffort facilitated one practice before mass with fifteen youth leading the music. All musicians are youth as well as all singers. We are very grateful for the talents of our musicians and leaders.

Also on December 15, 2024, the St. Gerard Youth Ministry volunteered at the Salvation Army to assemble their Christmas toy hampers after the 11:00 AM mass. We had fourteen youth and six adults out for this event. The Salvation Army served us a pizza and pasta lunch which was greatly appreciated by all. We would definitely like to assist in this venture next year.

We are very pleased with how both of the St. Gerard's Youth Ministry and St. Gerard's Youth Music Ministry has developed so far. We are grateful for our leadership team that includes Father Antony, Karen Chopty, Christine Bohn, Rita Hilbig, Kate Sabio, Farley Maddaford, Linda Maddaford, Deanna Pellatt and Greg Dubois. We would also like to thank Sandra Archer and Jonathon Rosas for helping promote our events. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing the youth with a gathering space in the church and continued support. We are looking forward to future opportunities to facilitate experiences for our parish youth to develop their faith, build a deeper connection with our parish and grow as disciples of Jesus. We thank our parish community for the continued support, prayers and encouragement for our youth.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Jonathan Rosas -

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for developing, maintaining, and promoting favourable relations with parishioners, other parishes, churches, and the public.

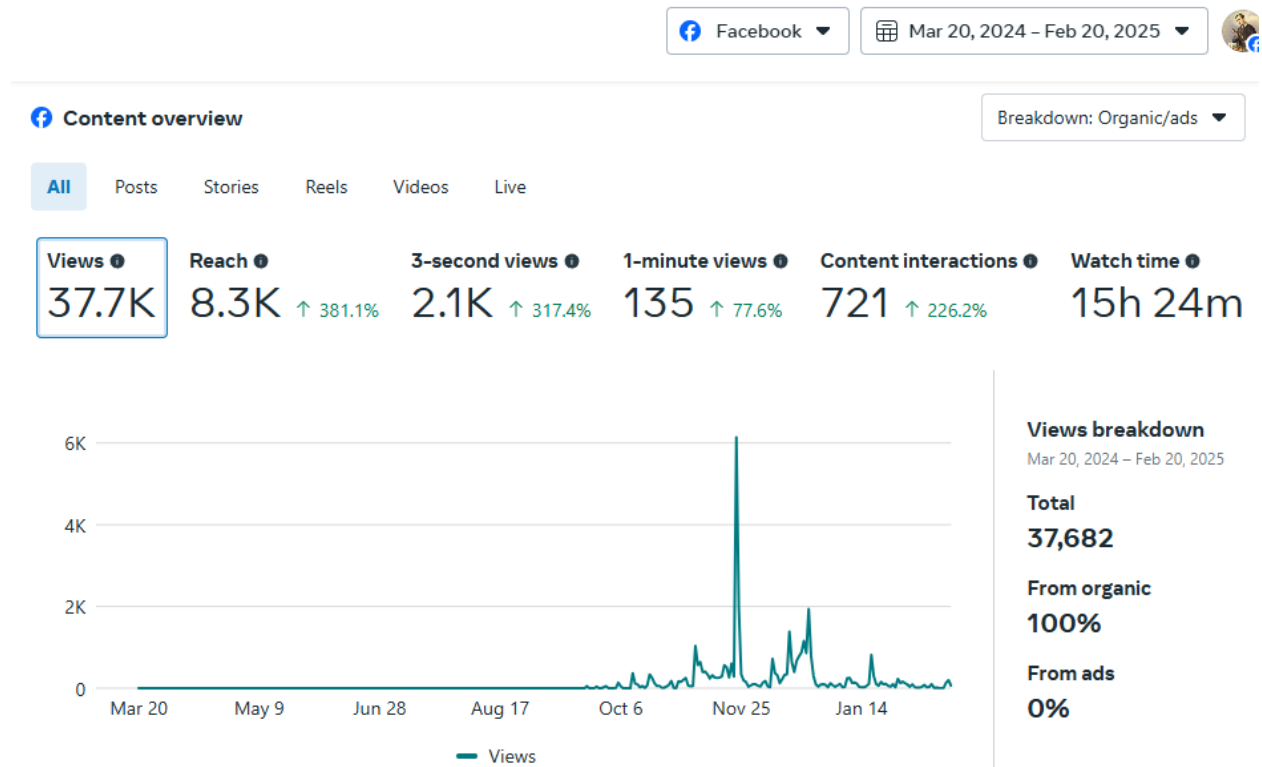
Ever since the launching our official social media pages and more than a year after that, St. Gerard Parish has seen a significant increase in engagement. This growth highlights the positive impact of our online presence in strengthening connections within our community and keeping parishioners actively informed about parish activities and events.

The success of this initiative reflects how public relations strategies have evolved in the modern age, with social media playing a vital role in fostering engagement and outreach. We extend our deepest gratitude to Fr. Anthony, Sandra Archer, and all members of the Parish Pastoral Council and all other Parish Ministries Volunteers for their continued dedication and support. Their commitment to serving the Lord and our parish community has been key to this remarkable progress.

Our Social Media pages are the following:

1. Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552508858414>
2. Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/saintgerardyorktonsk/>
3. Twitter/X - <https://twitter.com/stgerardyorkton>
4. YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@SaintGerardParishYorktonSK>

Here are the Performance Metrics of our Facebook page.



Audience

Demographics

Trends

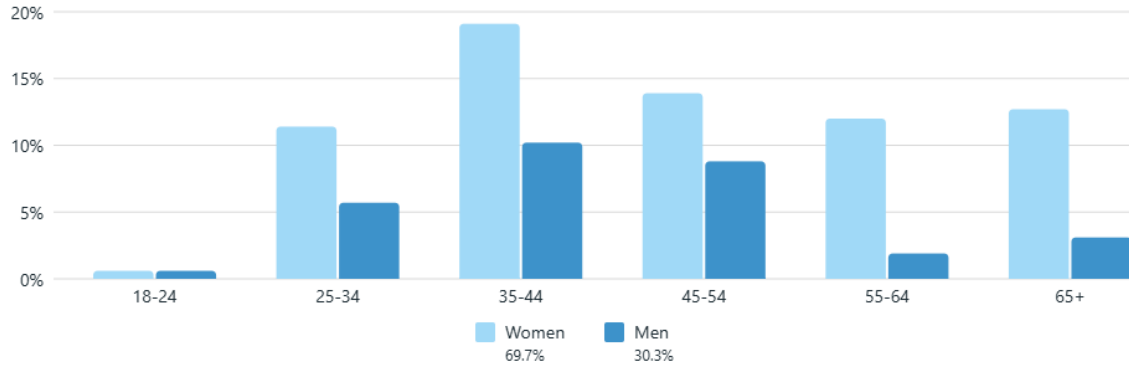
Potential audience

Followers

Lifetime

163

Age & gender



Top cities

Yorkton, SK, Canada



Regina, SK, Canada



Saskatoon, SK, Canada



Calgary, AB, Canada



Melville, SK, Canada



Canora, SK, Canada



Edmonton, AB, Canada



Theodore, SK, Canada



Estevan, SK, Canada



Kindersley, SK, Canada



Top countries

Canada



Philippines



Hong Kong



United States



Audience

Demographics

Trends

Potential audience

Follows

85 ↑ 9%

Returning viewers

15 ↑ 100%

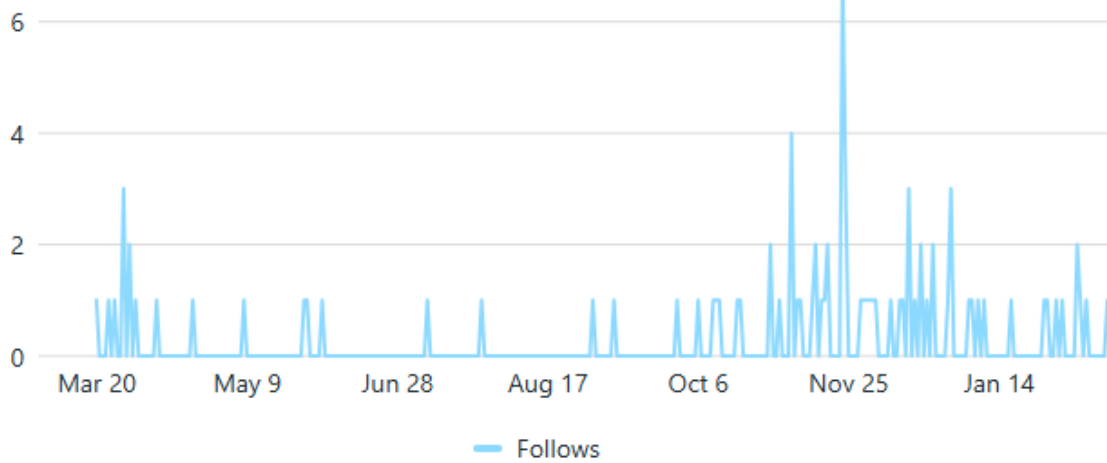
Engaged followers

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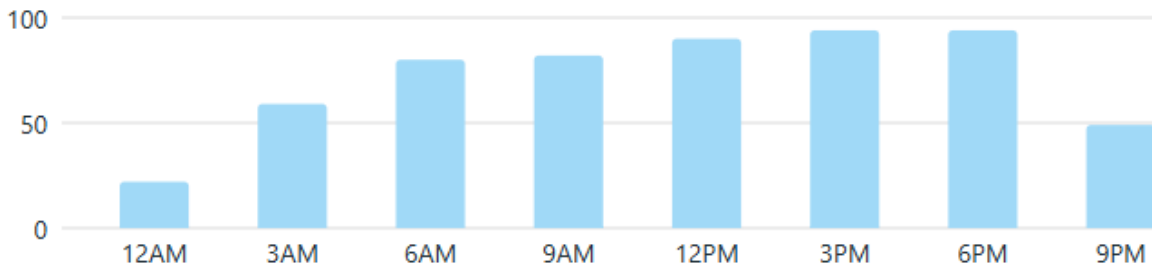
5 ↑ 150%

Based on last 28 days



Most active times

Based on last 28 days



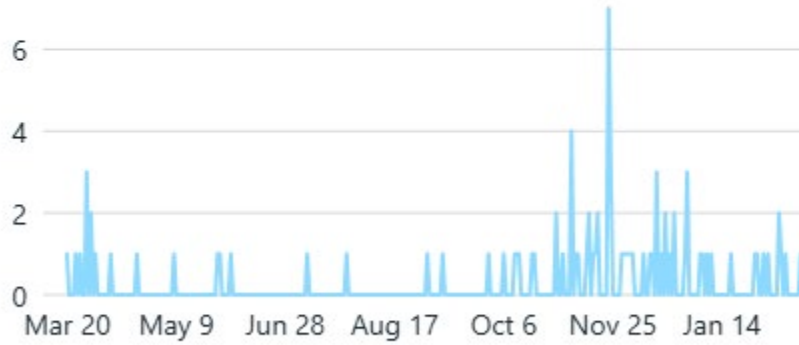
Views 📍

37.7K



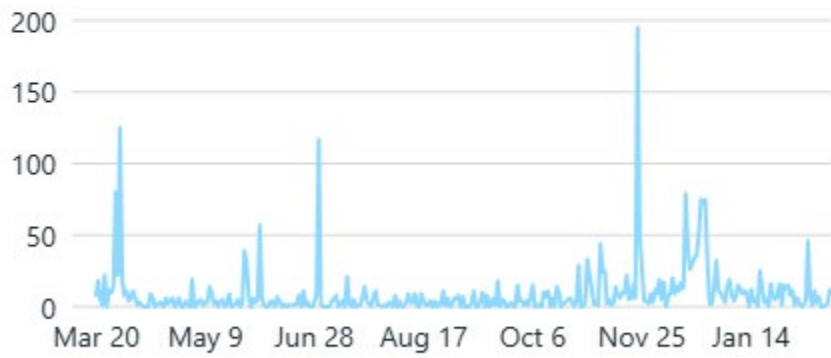
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85 ↑ 9%



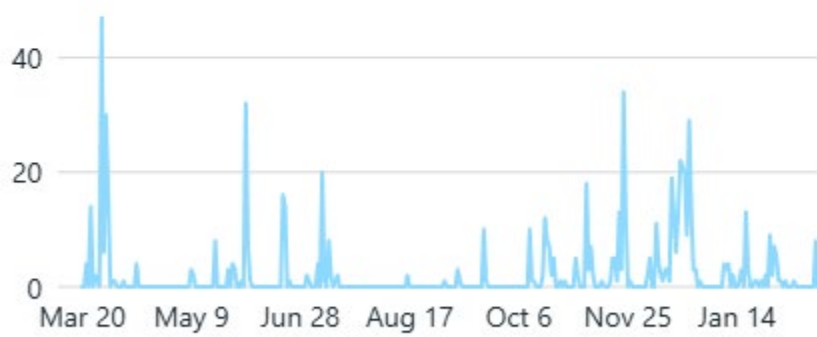
Visits 📍

3.1K ↑ 179.1%



Content interactions 📍

721 ↑ 226.2%



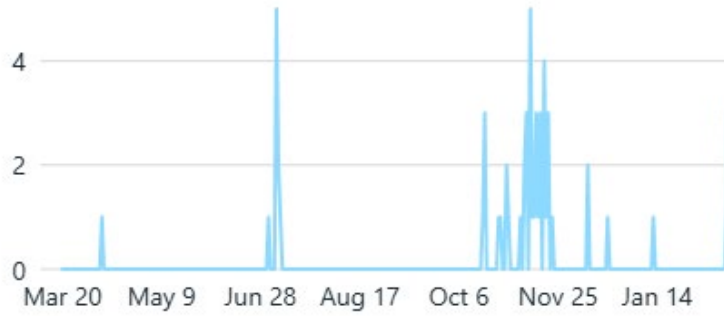
Reach

8.3K ↑ 381.1%



Link clicks

56 ↑ 100%



For the Greater Glory of God.

STEWARDSHIP - Linda Maddaford -

The Stewardship Committee is responsible for creating awareness in all parishioners that everything comes from God: our life, our abilities, our intellectual gifts, and our holiness, and that these gifts are entrusted to us by God in order that “all may see the good that we do and give glory to God” and bear fruit for God. Thus, we receive gifts of God, to look after them wisely, to share them in justice and love, and to show a return to God on them.

“Everything is connected, no one is saved alone.” Laudate Deum, Pope Francis

We are stewards of the gifts that we have been given. Our very life is a gift, and what we do with it is our gift to the Giver. Stewardship is not one action, but continual small acts, done with great love.

Throughout the year I provided information to Parish Pastoral Council, contributed prayer intentions for days of observance, and stewardship reflections for the bulletin. These are the topics and themes addressed in various ways, and events attended for 2024:

- 2024 Year of Prayer in anticipation of the 2025 Jubilee, January;
- Promoted the Archbishop’s letter on Share Lent, February;
- Attended a several webinars on Synodality, March, September, and October;
- Participated in the online Archdiocesan Synod Conversation on the document "To Be a Church in Mission", April;
- Provided stewardship reflections on Laudato Si’ week, Ecological conversion, Laudate Deum, and the cries of the poor, May;
- Promoted World Refugee Day, provided prayer intentions to promote the 2025 Jubilee, reported on the success of the Development and Peace Stand for the Land Campaign and petition calling for solidarity with the people of Honduras affected by displacement, water contamination, and loss of lands to mining licenses, June;
- Promoted the Season of Creation, created a two (2) page insert for the bulletin as well as prayer intentions, September;
- Facilitated the Development and Peace fall campaign in conjunction with the Social Action committee, September;
- Attended the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan conference and presented a testimonial at an evening session on Medical Assistance in Dying, MAiD, October;
- Attended the Living Hope, Palliative Care, and End of Life presentation hosted by Yorkton-Melville Deanery, October;
- Attended the St. Gerard parish Funeral Planning information session, November;
- Promoted the 8th World Day of Prayer for the Poor, November;
- Promoted and attended the screening of the prolife documentary, Unplanned, December.

Dreambuilders is one of our Catholic high schools. It is a very small community of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) students, four (4) teachers, two (2) education assistants, and a part-time psychologist. In January, June, and December 2024 my husband and I prepared and

served a hot lunch at the school to provide support and a community connection with the students and teachers.

May you discover the treasure of sharing your gifts of Stewardship. “These gestures are not automatic; they require a daily commitment and are often hidden and silent, but strengthened by prayer.” Pope Francis, 2024-06-13

DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE

- Carmella Molnar -

The Deanery representative acts as a liaison and is responsible for reporting the activities of the parishes in the Deanery, past and planned, to the Parish Pastoral Council as well as communicating relevant information from the Parish Pastoral Council at the Deanery meetings.

The following churches belong to this Deanery:

**St. Margaret Mary-Kelliher, St. Stephen-Kamsack, St. Philip-St. Philip,
St. Gerard-Yorkton
St. Joseph-Canora, St. Henry-Melville, St. Stanislaus-Ituna,
St. Patrick-Sturgis
Missionary Churches – St. Thomas-Norquay, St. Anne-Buchanan, St.
Anthony, Rama, St. Leo, Rockford**

Meetings were held:

October 19, 2024

June 8, 2024

February 10, 2024

Our **Dean is Father Melchor Samonte** - St. Henry's Melville

- Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan membership was renewed for \$ 75.00.
- Smaller parishes will pay a levy to the Deanery as they can afford, and larger parishes will pay \$ 100.00.
- \$50.00 donation was made to the Rama Pilgrimage.
- Jubilee Year 2025 – called Pilgrims of Hope.

Ituna

February 18, 2024 – Pancake and Sausage fundraiser.

October 29, 2024 – Spaghetti supper fundraiser was well attended.

November 15, 2024 – Service of Light was held.

November 19, 2024 – Polka Mass with perogy and sausage lunch followed.

December 17, 2024 – Christmas potluck after the 11:00 AM mass.

Perogy bees continue for fundraising. They plant their own potatoes!

Food bank collection was donated to the Melville Food Bank.

Weekly mass is held at the Ituna Lodge. Two masses per month at Central Pine and one mass per month at Sunshine Manor.

Sturgis

January 6, 2024 – Christmas get together - the church had a potluck supper and singing Christmas Carols after mass. Entertainment by Fr. Andrew's Christmas trivia.

Fr. Andrew attended Retreat in Mississauga.

Coffee and toast after Mass each Sunday. Stations of the Cross every Friday before evening mass throughout Lent.

Father Ivan Simko from the Ukrainian Catholic Church assisted Father Andrew with confessions.

Easter Fire at 9:00 PM followed by Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets.

Participated in the World Day of Prayer at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Preeceville.

March 16, 2024 – Pie Social and pie sales.

April 13, 2024 – attended the Morning Star regional CWL Prayer Retreat at St. Gerard. Theme was “Here I Am Lord, Send Me”

June 2024 – had a garage sale fundraiser.

October 12, 2024 – Participated in the Rosary outside the church in support of the Public Square Rosary Crusade.

November 1, 2024 – gathered at St. Patrick’s Cemetery and Preeceville Cemetery for prayer and blessing of the graves.

November 2, 2024 – CWL Councils led a Memorial service to remember their deceased. CWL Preeceville and Sturgis Council’s celebrate their 60th Anniversary.

December 2024 – they had two fundraisers, Gift Basket Raffle and a Bake Table at the Sturgis Winter Wonderland.

After Christmas Eve mass – treat bags were handed out to the children.

Kamsack

Ladies hosted a Birthday Party for the month of February at Eaglestone Lodge.

Two parishioners from Kamsack attended the Deanery Pastoral Council Workshop on May 4th in Canora.

March 16, 2024 – held a tea and bake sale.

Stations of the Cross at 4:00 PM each Friday during Lent.

Kelliher

Marie Antonishyn is the new Deanery Pastoral Council representative.

Palm Sunday and Easter Services were held.

Rev. Brian Mee – United Church minister uses St. Margaret Mary for funerals.

Bailey’s Funeral Home has also used the church for a funeral.

Rama

January 21, 2024 – Christmas Potluck and Fr. Andrew’s Birthday Celebration, carols were sung in English and Polish.

March 29, 2024 – Outdoor Stations of the Cross in the grotto, organized by the Filipino communities, was followed by Good Friday Service in church.

May 21, 2024 – Mass with Fr. Konrad Kuzminski from Albania. He was ordained in Rome by Pope John Paul II. He came for nephew’s marriage in Alberta. His mother, nee Nowakowski, was born and raised in Rama and was an active member at St. Anthony.

August 14 & 15, 2024 – Annual Pilgrimage with twelve priests participating August 14. Father Colin Roy, Humboldt, was the main celebrant. St. Cecilia Choir, Saskatoon, participated in the pilgrimage both days.

On August 15, Fr. Andrzej Sowa, OMI was the main celebrant along with three con-celebrating priests for the Polish mass; Fr. Michel Pajak, OMI was the main celebrant, five con-celebrating priests plus Deacon Dave Hudy for the final mass.

Rama will be celebrating their 80th Pilgrimage in 2025, with the Jubilee year theme, "Pilgrims of Hope".

They conducted five guided tours at the grotto this year.

Rama has a website, www.ramashrine.ca

History books were sold at \$50.

November 1, 2024 – Mass and blessing of the graves.

November 11, 2024 – Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph in the grotto followed by a luncheon.

December 23, 2024 – Mass was celebrated at 8:00 PM, approximately thirty children participated in the procession with Father Andrew.

Melville

One hour Adoration – Every Friday before 7:00 PM mass.

Father Michal Pajak, OMI – held ten Bible Study classes.

Celebrated Father Michal Pajak's 20th Anniversary of Priesthood.

Beginning February 20, every Tuesday at 6:30 PM, a six-week Grief Support Program was held.

April 21, 2024 – Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble from Regina performed. Proceeds went to breakfast programs at St. Henry's Schools.

Parish Kiosk re-opened after closing during COVID – sells religious items and materials.

Added a Pro-Life Chair to Parish Pastoral council – to provide pro-life news to the parish.

Three parishioners were accepted as representatives to St. Peter's Hospital Local Council.

June, 2024 – Marian Parish Prayer, Medjugorje style, meets twice a month. Prayer consists of meditative music, traditional prayers, devotional reading, reflection, and sharing.

June, 2024 - Hosted Community meal.

St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage was held once again August 11 – 14th. A 100 km walk from the city of Yorkton to the village of Rama and as they walked, the Pilgrims viewed the beautiful world our Lord has made.

September 8, 2024 – Chicken & Rib Fundraiser.

September 14, 2024 – Father Melchor Samonte was installed by Archbishop Bolen.

October 26, 2024 – Held a "LIVING HOPE" workshop on death and dying, also, Emmaus Support Mental Health Ministries.

November 1, 2024 – Mass and blessing of the graves.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" Poster Contest was sponsored at the two Catholic Schools, four winners were awarded cash prizes.

Celebrations were held at the schools and nursing home.

December 8, 2024 – Partnered to screen "Unthinkable", a pro-life documentary from Abby Johnson.

Yvonne and I attended the film held at Sacred Heart High School. The film was very informative.

Canora

January 2024 – St. Joseph participated in the Week of Christian Unity in Canora.

March 29, 2024 – An Ecumenical "The Way of the Cross" was walked up and down the church street on Good Friday. Coffee and muffins served after the walk.

May 4, 2024 – Held a "LIVING HOPE" workshop on death and dying, facilitated by Virginia Battiste. Emmaus Support Mental Health Ministries, Deacon Eric and Melissa Gurash, also presented.

Father Thomas Mutavanattu will be serving Canora, Kamsack, St. Philip's and three First Nations. Archbishop Don Bolen attended the September 15th installation mass for Fr. Thomas which was followed by pancake and sausage breakfast.

December 6, 2024 – Youth of St. Joseph and Ukrainian Catholic St. Peter and Paul parishes in Canora gave out cookies at the Winter Festival Parade.

December 17, 2024 – Christmas potluck following the 11:00 AM mass.

The CWL of St. Joseph Parish disbanded this year. The ladies will form a parish group auxiliary to continue to support the parish.

St. Joseph parish has set up a Facebook page.

Yorkton

Mass was held on New Year's Day at 10:00 AM.

January 27, 2024 – A Vision and Mission workshop was held. A Vision and Mission Committee was formed and held meetings throughout the year.

February 4, 2024 – Held Development and Peace Workshop.

February 21 to March 27, 2024 – Bible Study was held each week.

Stations of the Cross every Friday through Lent – led by different Parish Organizations.

Lenten Mass & Lunches – started each Thursday at 12:05 noon. \$1,389.93 was raised and donated to St. Mary's School lunch program.

June 1 to September 1, 2024 – Mass times were Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM.

August 2024 – CWL members sewed registration bags for the National Convention in Saskatoon.

October 5 & 6, 2024 – Name tag Sunday was initiated, the first weekend of the month at the Saturday and Sunday masses we wear name tags. Reception follows each mass.

October 2024 – Ministry workshops were held.

November 8, 2024 – Knights of Columbus in collaboration with the CWL held a Memorial Mass and banquet to honour the memory of their deceased members.

Christmas in November went over very well. Over three hundred people attended the one-day event. Seven family orientated baskets with a minimum value of \$200.00 each were raffled with over 1,000 tickets sold.

December 15, 2024 – The youth group volunteered at the Salvation Army to assemble Christmas Toy Hampers.

CWL made and sold Christmas pudding.

December 15th to 23rd, 2024 – Simbang Gabi Masses were celebrated, a Filipino tradition in anticipation of Christmas.

St. Gerard joined the canvas to support the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.

The "Giving Tree" was once again was a huge success. The gifts went to: Shelwin House, White Spruce Training Center, Transition House, Men and women's Long Term Mental Health Patients, Safe Haven, Yorkton Tribal Council, Sign Family Violence, Andrew Sedley, Geriatric Assessment Team, Bruno's Place and Independent Living.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament started Friday mornings at 8:00 AM followed by mass.

Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 PM continues followed by mass.

Submitted by Yvonne Turgeon, Carmella Molnar

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Marie Kruger, Representative -

The Catholic Women's League representative acts as a liaison and is responsible for reporting the activities of the League, past and planned, to the Parish Pastoral Council as well as communicating relevant information from the Parish Pastoral Council back to the CWL.

Following is a summary of our activities in 2024:

- We had 105 members in 2024;
- Led "The Stations of the Cross" on February 23;
- Gifted a rosary and case to RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, candidates, shared with the KofC, Knights of Columbus;
- "My Catholic Prayer Book" was given to the Sacramental Preparation children, another shared project with KofC;
- Gave an age-appropriate gift to children baptised in the parish;
- Donated and presented two scholarships to SHHS, Sacred Heart High School, Graduation Class;
- Donated towards the technology project and TV monitors in the church;
- Held a faith retreat Saturday, April 13. The theme was 'Here I Am, Lord, Send Me. Responding to Holy Moments'. Thirty five ladies from the Morning Star Region attended. The retreat was well received and spiritually moving;
- Co-presidents, Deanna Pellatt and Christine attended the Provincial Convention in North Battleford, June 2-3;
- Year end BBQ was held Wednesday, June 5;
- Sponsored, prepared, and provided a lunch for the Habitat for Humanity Crew on July 15;
- Members sewed registration bags, delivered to Saskatoon early July, for the National Convention August 11 – 14, Deanna Pellatt attended from our Council;
- Annual CWL/KofC Memorial Mass for deceased members was November 12;
- Christmas pudding was made and sold which raised approximately \$1500 after expenses;
- Donated a gift basket to 'Christmas in November' parish fundraiser;
- Laid a wreath at the Legion Remembrance Day Service;
- Held membership drives November 23 & 24 and November 30 & December 1;
- Christmas Potluck was December 4;
- Held a raffle in December which raised approximately \$840;
- Donated money to the Giving Tree social action project to help with unclaimed gift tags;
- Made community donations including AMPO, Al's, Mary's, Paul's Outdoor, Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools Outdoor Education program for Gr. 7 students, St. Mary and Dr. Brass schools' meal programs, Soup Haven for school lunches, St. Michael School literacy project, and SIGN senior mobility.

A special thank you to Christine Shuya, Co-president for the past two years, who has moved away from Yorkton. We wish Christine and her husband all the best in their new home. A huge thank you to Fr. Antony for all his help and support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
- Jonathan Rosas, Grand Knight -

The Knights of Columbus representative acts as a liaison and is responsible for reporting the activities of the Council, past and planned, to the Parish Pastoral Council as well as communicating relevant information from the Parish Pastoral Council back to the K of C Council.

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” - **Proverbs 27:17***

The **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic fraternal men’s organization founded in 1882 by **Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney** in New Haven Connecticut, beatified in 2020. Since then, the Order has expanded across North America and into other countries, rooted in the core principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**.

The **Knights of Columbus Council #2031** has been a steadfast part of **St. Gerard’s Parish** for more than a century since 1919 and currently has nearly **158 members**. The council meets monthly from **September to June**, fostering fellowship and spiritual growth.

Living the Principles of Our Order

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” –
1 Corinthians 13:13

The council plays a vital role in parish life, with members actively participating in numerous ministries and consistently offering their support to **Fr. Antony**, particularly during the significant seasons of **Christmas** and **Easter**. Demonstrating a deep sense of brotherhood, the council also provides an **Honor Guard** at a Brother Knight’s funeral when requested by the family, embodying our dedication to **unity** and **respect**.

Charity in Action

*“Let all that you do be done in love.” – **1 Corinthians 16:14***

Throughout the year, the council leads and supports numerous charitable activities and parish events:

- **Parish Brunches** (September to May) — Encouraging fellowship among parishioners and strengthening community ties.
- **Monthly Bingos** — Serving as a fundraiser and a space for camaraderie among Brother Knights.
- **Monthly Family Prayer** — Families gather together to praise and worship God which will be followed by a fellowship with light refreshments.
- **White Ribbon Campaign** (January) — Advocating against violence towards women and children and raising funds for **Shelwin House**.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** — Bringing the parish together on the eve of Lent.
- **St. Joseph Celebrations** — Honouring our patron on **March 19** and hosting services when the **St. Joseph’s Pilgrim Icon** visits.
- **Mother’s Day Weekend Gift Distribution** — Recognizing the invaluable role of mothers in our families and parish.

- **Annual Council Windup** (June) — Concluding the year in fellowship and gratitude.
- **St. Philomena Pilgrimage Support** — Preparing meals for pilgrims on their spiritual journey each August.
- **Rosary Devotions** (October & May) — Including special **Rosaries for Life**, promoting the sanctity of life.
- **Fall Yard Work** — Assisting parishioners in need with seasonal yard maintenance every October.
- **Memorial Mass** (November) — In partnership with the **CWL**, we honor our deceased Brother Knights.
- **“Keep Christ in Christmas” Campaign** — Displaying signs during Advent to remind all of the true meaning of the season.
- **Melody Manor Christmas Party** — Spreading holiday cheer with caroling and snacks for nursing home residents.
- **Council Christmas Social** — Celebrating fraternity and the joy of the season.

Fraternity and Unity in Service

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” — Psalm 133:1

Our activities not only serve the parish and community but also strengthen the bonds among Brother Knights, reinforcing the spirit of **fraternity** and the mission of **charity**. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Fr. Antony** for his continuous support and spiritual guidance throughout the year. His leadership has been invaluable in guiding our mission.

Join Us in Our Mission

If you are a **Catholic gentleman aged 18 or older**, we warmly invite you to join the **Knights of Columbus** and become part of a brotherhood committed to living out the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” — Hebrews 13:16

For The Greater Glory of God!

PROPERTIES

- Steve Piontek -

The Properties Committee, in conjunction with the Pastor, is responsible for the maintenance and operational care of the church, rectory, parish hall, grounds and equipment belonging to St. Gerard's Parish, as well as Roman Catholic cemeteries and associated properties within the parish boundaries that have been deemed to be under the care of the parish by the Archdiocese of Regina.

	2024	2023	Change
1 Building & Liability Insurance	\$36,964.24	\$36,952.66	\$11.58
2 Power	27,287.13	25,487.69	\$1,799.44
3 Heat	10,451.13	11,209.88	\$758.75
4 Snow Removal	13,887.97	6,295.01	\$7,592.96
5 Building Repairs/Maintenance	47,056.32	26,732.25	\$20,324.07
6 Garbage/Recycling Costs	1,751.85	1,810.55	\$58.70
7 Water and Sewer	2,826.01	3,050.14	\$224.13
8 Equipment Purchases/Repair/Maintenance	6,557.24	6,624.55	\$67.31
9 Security	520.80	506.40	\$14.40
10 Grounds Maintenance	2,460.00	89.37	\$2,370.63
11 Property Taxes (Rectory)	4,304.65	4,160.81	\$143.84
	<u>\$154,067.34</u>	<u>\$122,919.31</u>	<u>\$31,148.03</u>

NOTE: Expenses listed are Church, Hall and Rectory combined.

Insurance costs have been stable the past year but remain our highest expense. Power costs have increased substantially. Heat costs have decreased slightly due to carbon tax rebate.

Church Expenses:

- Major expense for Church was the replacement of the main entrance doors, approximately \$20,000. Thanks to Mark Bell for your work in researching and finding a company to supply and install the doors.
- The other major cost was the completion of the rectory renovations. See Rectory Expenses.
- One Air conditioning unit on church side required repair and servicing.
- The Fire Alarm and Emergency lighting system inspection was done with battery replacement required as the emergency lighting is required to stay on for the specified time when power is off. An electrician was called to rewire the alarm system in order to bring it up to code; the system requires a separate circuit.
- Elevator was inspected and serviced; regulations require annual inspections.
- Some lighting in hallways is being converted to LEDs as ballasts fail. We are finding that the tube style lights are slowly becoming obsolete and LEDs have a much longer service light and use less power.

- The drain for the toilet in Cry Room at rear of church was plugged and backed up several times due to paper towel and other objects being flushed down in toilet. A drain cleaning company had to clean out drains 3 times in the past year.
- A heating cable was installed in the roof drain pipe on the west side of the church to prevent the outlet from freezing up during spring which resulted in the water forming on the west rear side of the church.
- A plumbing company checked the heating system for the Sacristy. As there is no thermostat in the room and the ducting from the furnace is very long, the heated air becomes cooler than normal during very cold days. It was determined to be a design deficiency. An electric heater was purchased to provide auxiliary heat in the sacristy.
- Two dead trees had to be removed in the east parking lot as per bylaw violation order. Cost is listed under Ground Maintenance.

Hall Expenses:

- Batteries for blinds on north side of hall were changed. Battery packs consist of 3 sets of 16 AA batteries.
- Fire suppression system for stoves required a repair to reposition the spray nozzles to bring the system up to Code. System requires inspection every six months. Some Fire Extinguishers were replaced due to being expired.
- Air Conditioner for Room A was repaired. Refrigerant was added and the condenser cleaned.
- The walk in cooler was serviced since the temperature was reading high due to a leaking component. Installed new part and recharged refrigerant. Fortunately, the temperature problem was noticed early and no food was spoiled.
- Floor in the Hall was stripped and waxed. Thanks to all the volunteers for the work done. The floor polisher failed during the floor refinishing; a new unit was purchased as there were no parts available for the failed unit.
- Batteries were changed for the floor washing machine.
- Ice making machine was repaired.
- Water heater developed a leak at the safety valve; new valve was installed by Hancock Plumbing.
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Rectory Expenses:

- The renovations were completed inside the Rectory.
- Carpets in most of the bedrooms and living room in lower level were removed and discarded. New flooring was installed.
- The old phone lines were removed and new cable installed for Internet.
- The floor in the third level was sagging in several places. Found the bracing was rotted in the crawl space. Floor was leveled and all new bracing was installed. Crawl space area was sealed to prevent moisture from entering house. All labour for flooring and crawl space was provided by Knights of Columbus members to save costs which would easily have been double of the materials.
- Complete interior of the house was professionally painted.
- Furnace ducts and pipes were professionally cleaned by a furnace cleaning company.

- House was professionally cleaned after all work was done.

Major Projects for Near Future:

- North fence of the rectory is in poor condition.
- Replacement of the remaining furnaces which are over 30 years old and obsolete. Many of the units have been replaced with updated units. If an old unit fails, there are no parts available to repair it.
- Parking lot is breaking up in many places and will need repair. Also lines need to be repainted.

We are striving to be pro active in assessing the need to replace some of the aging equipment in a cost effective manner so that we can avoid untimely failures in the future.

As always, I need to mention that we have many expert volunteers that have spent many hours in helping to repair and maintain the Church, Hall and Rectory. Without them, our costs would be significantly higher than they already are. Thank you to all the people who helped out in the last year and continue to give of their time and energy. Very Much Appreciated.

HALL

- Henry & Lorraine Kweens -

The Hall Committee, in conjunction with the Pastor, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the parish hall and subsequent equipment. The Parish Hall is a vital extension of the church and is to be used for promoting and fostering the community of St. Gerard's.

During 2024 there were thirteen funeral lunches, three Baptism receptions, three birthday celebrations, and one wedding anniversary held in the hall. Both the K of C and CWL had their yearend windups in the hall. Perogies and Cabbage rolls were made on several occasions, CWL Christmas pudding making, seven K of C brunches, Hospitality workshops, reconciliation meetings, funeral planning workshops, K of C Special need lunch, Bible study, CTTCS leadership workshop, Shrove Tuesday supper, Christmas in November, RCIA, as well as other church related functions and numerous monthly meetings.

As always, we want to thank all the St Gerard's parishioners that volunteers their time and talents to make these activities happen.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS 2023-2024

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastor	Father Sathi Antony
Chairperson	Mark Bell
Vice-chairperson	Vacant
Secretary	Joanne Geysen
Liturgical	Colleen Haider & Marie Kruger
Religious Education	Rene & Ophelia Adane
Social Action/Justice	Jenny & Hector Baraoidan
Family, Community & Social Activities	Vacant
Public Relations	Jonathan Rosas
Youth	Colleen & Scott Hoffort
Stewardship	Linda Maddaford
Deanery	Carmella Molnar
Ecumenical	Vacant
CWL Representative	Marie Kruger
K of C Representative	Jonathan Rosas

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairperson	Nathan Bewcyk
Hall	Lorraine & Henry Kweens
Properties	Steve Piontek
Members at Large	Carmella Molnar

St. Gerard's Church
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 2024

St. Gerard's Church

Yorkton, Saskatchewan

December 31, 2024

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Independent Practitioners' Review Engagement Report

To the Pastoral Council
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, 2024, 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, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Baker Tilly SK LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Baker Tilly SK LLP".

Yorkton, SK
March 11, 2025

St. Gerard's Church
 Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents - note 4	278,576	310,107
Accounts receivable	2,632	1,765
Goods and services tax receivable	2,122	589
Inventories	4,652	2,458
Prepaid expenses	<u>30,767</u>	<u>31,703</u>
	318,749	346,622
Long-Term Investments		
Interparochial - sharing account receivable, restricted building fund, 4% interest, no set terms of redemption	20,374	19,590
Capital Assets - note 5	<u>1,802,061</u>	<u>1,795,724</u>
	<u>\$ 2,141,184</u>	<u>\$ 2,161,936</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities - note 6	83,735	87,477
Deferred revenue - note 7	<u>11,950</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>95,685</u>	<u>87,477</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets - general fund	1,968,381	1,922,469
Restricted net assets - building and other restricted funds	<u>77,118</u>	<u>151,990</u>
	<u>2,045,499</u>	<u>2,074,459</u>
	<u>\$ 2,141,184</u>	<u>\$ 2,161,936</u>

Approved on behalf of the council:

St. Gerard's Church
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
Balance, beginning of year	1,922,469	151,990	2,074,459	2,109,856
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	(66,608)	37,648	(28,960)	(35,397)
Interfund transfers - note 8	<u>112,520</u>	<u>(112,520)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,968,381</u>	<u>\$ 77,118</u>	<u>\$ 2,045,499</u>	<u>\$ 2,074,459</u>

The restricted fund net assets represent the following:

Building	63,859	138,731
Cemetery	<u>13,259</u>	<u>13,259</u>
	<u>\$ 77,118</u>	<u>\$ 151,990</u>

St. Gerard's Church
Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 11)	2024 Total	2023 Total
Revenue				
Regular offerings	311,812		311,812	292,627
Hall revenue	22,015		22,015	28,073
Diocesan collections	17,927		17,927	28,161
Donations	7,335	36,256	43,591	27,437
Fundraising - note 12	41,454		41,454	32,204
Interest income	8,454	1,392	9,846	9,547
Other revenue	2,143		2,143	2,722
Committee revenue - note 13	6,470		6,470	2,905
	<u>417,610</u>	<u>37,648</u>	<u>455,258</u>	<u>423,676</u>
Expenses				
Administration	28,565		28,565	25,399
Catering	10,953		10,953	12,073
Committee expenses - note 13	24,365		24,365	20,304
Compensation and benefits	153,692		153,692	146,114
Diocesan collections remitted	17,927		17,927	28,161
Diocesan assessments	40,174		40,174	38,284
Donations	3,119		3,119	3,800
Fundraising - note 12	8,498		8,498	5,952
Other expenses	2,306		2,306	220
Pastoral expenses	8,282		8,282	5,668
	<u>297,881</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>297,881</u>	<u>285,975</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses Before Building Costs	<u>119,729</u>	<u>37,648</u>	<u>157,377</u>	<u>137,701</u>
Utilities	36,309		36,309	35,001
Amortization	53,241		53,241	46,924
Maintenance expense	34,668		34,668	30,360
Insurance	35,813		35,813	35,670
Rectory expenses	26,306		26,306	25,143
	<u>186,337</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>186,337</u>	<u>173,098</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses for the Year	<u>\$(66,608)</u>	<u>\$ 37,648</u>	<u>\$(28,960)</u>	<u>\$(35,397)</u>

*The notes to financial statements are an integral
part of these financial statements.*

St. Gerard's Church
Statement of Cash Flow
For the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Cash Provided By (Used In):		
Operations		
Received from donors and offerings	373,333	348,224
Received from hall operations	21,499	26,511
Received from fundraising	49,716	37,867
Interest received	9,846	9,547
Paid to suppliers	(211,370)	(195,934)
Paid to and for employees	(156,120)	(140,995)
Paid to the Archdiocese - assessments	(46,395)	(26,563)
Special collections paid out	<u>(11,678)</u>	<u>(29,379)</u>
	<u>28,831</u>	<u>29,278</u>
Investing activities		
Capital asset purchases	(59,578)	(15,609)
Additions to long-term investments	<u>(784)</u>	<u>(753)</u>
	<u>(60,362)</u>	<u>(16,362)</u>
Net Cash Increase (Decrease) for the Year	(31,531)	12,916
Cash position, beginning of year	<u>310,107</u>	<u>297,191</u>
Cash Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 278,576</u>	<u>\$ 310,107</u>

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part of these financial statements.*

St. Gerard's Church
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2024

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 building or cemetery maintenance purposes. 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	5-20 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.

St. Gerard's Church
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2024

2. **Significant Accounting Policies** - continued

(e) Revenue

The organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Revenues and expenses related to unrestricted resources are included in the operating fund. Revenues and expenses related to externally restricted resources are reported in the restricted fund.

Restricted contributions are subject to externally imposed stipulations that specify the purpose for which the contribution is to be used. The contribution is recognized as revenue of the restricted fund when the funds have been received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

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. Financial assets and liabilities originated or exchanged in related party transactions are initially measured at cost.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost using the straight line method include cash and accounts receivable (excluding those from related parties). Amounts receivable from related parties are measured at cost. Equity investments are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in excess of revenue over expenses in the period they are incurred.

All financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, except amounts payable to related parties which are measured at cost.

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.

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2. **Significant Accounting Policies** - continued

(h) 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.

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

- 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.

	2024	2023
4. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of the following:		
Bank - operating account	221,832	177,708
Bank - building account	43,485	119,140
Bank - trust account	13,259	13,259
	\$ 278,576	\$ 310,107

5. **Capital Assets**

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value 2024	Net Book Value 2023
Land	20,000		20,000	20,000
Pavement	28,019	25,217	2,802	3,632
Buildings	2,762,969	1,032,014	1,730,955	1,749,911
Fences	1,299	607	692	778
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	107,755	60,143	47,612	21,403
	\$ 2,920,042	\$ 1,117,981	\$ 1,802,061	\$ 1,795,724

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	2024	2023
6. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are comprised of the following items:		
Accounts payable - general	14,553	11,179
Accounts payable - Archdiocese of Regina	40,400	46,621
Government remittances	4,243	3,185
Wages and benefits payable	<u>24,539</u>	<u>26,492</u>
	<u>\$ 83,735</u>	<u>\$ 87,477</u>

7. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue is comprised of externally restricted donations and collections which are externally restricted in their use, other than those for the building or cemetery maintenance. The deferred component represents those donations where the external restriction has not been satisfied until the following fiscal year.

8. Interfund Transfers

During the year, the organization approved the transfer of \$111,911 from the building fund to the unrestricted fund for current year and historical capital purchases.

\$608 in interest earned on the other restricted fund bank account has been transferred to the operating fund.

9. Transactions with Related Parties

Included in these financial statements are transactions with related parties. Compensation and benefits includes \$ 4,000 (\$0 - 2023) paid to a board member during the year for caretaker services. The organization also receives offerings, donations and fundraising proceeds from transactions with related parties.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

10. Commitments

The organization entered into a lease for telecommunication equipment for five and half years starting in October 2024. The lease is for \$2,861 per year plus taxes.

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11. Schedule of Restricted Funds

	Other Restricted Fund	Building Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Revenue				
Diocesan collections				28,161
Donations		36,256	36,256	16,763
Interest	608	784	1,392	2,939
	<u>608</u>	<u>37,040</u>	<u>37,648</u>	<u>47,863</u>
Expenses				
Diocesan collections remitted				28,161
Donations				3,800
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,961</u>
	<u>\$ 608</u>	<u>\$ 37,040</u>	<u>\$ 37,648</u>	<u>\$ 15,902</u>

12. Schedule of Fundraising Activities - Unrestricted Fund

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Income 2024	Net Income 2023
Perogies and cabbage rolls	24,464	4,290	20,174	15,499
Sales of religious articles	2,028	1,975	53	9
Raffle	8,444	779	7,665	6,653
Other fundraisers	6,518	1,454	5,064	4,091
	<u>\$ 41,454</u>	<u>\$ 8,498</u>	<u>\$ 32,956</u>	<u>\$ 26,252</u>

13. Schedule of Committee Revenue and Expenses

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Cost 2024	Net Cost 2023
Family and social committee		850	850	1,107
Liturgy committee		13,696	13,696	10,199
Religious education committee	6,470	8,246	1,776	2,084
Social justice committee		1,457	1,457	2,501
Ecumenical committee				189
Youth committee		116	116	165
Parish council				1,154
	<u>\$ 6,470</u>	<u>\$ 24,365</u>	<u>\$ 17,895</u>	<u>\$ 17,399</u>