
Annual
Report

2021

**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

	2021	2020	2019		2021	2020	2019
No. of Registered Households	1244	1246	1360	No. of Baptisms	25	16	33
Total No. of Parishioners	2744	2731	3016	No. of Confirmations	1	27	31
No. of Adults	1662	1670	1836	No. of First Eucharist	1	28	27
No. of Youth (high school)	209	165	163*	No. of RCIA/Full Communion (Adult)	0	7	0
No. of Youth (elementary school)	353	309	525**	No. of Marriages	4	4	3
No. of Youth (preschool)	110	170		No. of Funerals	39	31	25
Age not known	410	417	492				

* Youth 11-18

** Children 0-10

2020-2021 COLLECTION (OFFERTORY) ANALYSIS

	2021	% of total	2020	% of total
Envelope/PAG/Visitor (Receiptable) Collection	\$244,798	97	\$249,786	97
Add:				
Loose Collection	<u>\$7,095</u>	3	<u>\$7,560</u>	3
Total Regular Offertory	\$251,893		\$257,346	
	No. of People		No. of People	
Sunday Offering donations:				
- Over \$1,000	73		70	
- Between \$500 & \$1,000	95		97	
- Between \$261 & 499	64		55	
- Less than \$260	98		154	
- No Giving	100	430	54	430
**Note: The total number of Envelope Holders and Pre-Authorized Givers in 2021 = 430				

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Warm greetings in the love and blessings of God. Again I am sharing with you my brief reflection of our past year for the Annual Report. Believe it or not we all have passed a hard year with so many challenges in our own family, church community and society. In fact, the pandemic has changed all and is getting worse - we have been in a depression and feel stressed, isolated... However, we have remained open as normal in all services such as celebrating the Eucharist daily and on the weekend, and have been able to celebrate other Sacraments as well. We have been doing well. Please, let us praise and thank God for all the blessings and for keeping us safe in a difficult year.

Last year we celebrated 25 baptisms for children, 1 each for First Eucharist and Confirmation, 4 weddings and 39 funerals. It's a great sadness to see the average is 3 funerals per month. You also should be aware that the number of funerals is higher than baptisms.

Like the year before, although there were many public health orders required that asked us to protect ourselves and others, I followed them but I didn't give up. I had made many visits to the hospital (whenever they allow me to come), Nursing Homes and private homes as I can. I will continue to be open for this. Please give me a call if you wish to have a visit from me.

In my report for this time, I would like to offer my thanks to you all for your generous financial contributions to St. Gerard's last year. Thank you for your gracious donation(s) to St. Gerard's. 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 to St. Gerard's.

I also send my thanks and gratefulness to all volunteers, to different committees for helping and serving the church. Your time, love and support are all appreciated.

Again we thank God for blessings and for keeping us safe. I am proud of you for carefully following all the guidance and protocol due to the virus, and for continuing to attend Masses if you are able.

As I write this we are at the end of February 2022 and as you know some restrictions have been lifted. It is more flexible and therefore we acknowledge that more people are coming back in every celebration. The number attending services is increasing, every weekend we can see people coming back and I would say that these are making church alive. Your presence at Church says that we need God, we are hungry for Him and we come to entrust all challenges to Him.

In the near future we will continue to have programs such as RCIA, Marriage Prep, Bible Study, sacramental preparation classes for children to prepare them for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. I am glad to see some are participating in Marriage Preparation and Bible Study.

I also would like to share with you that soon we will have workshops regarding different topics such as Funerals, Weddings, Synod and the Eucharist. I am planning for these workshops and hope we can do it after Easter.

We are looking forward to the future with hope and joy. The pandemic is almost under control and I hope it will be finished soon in Spring. Therefore, I encourage you to keep positive and 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 friendliness.

May God bless you all.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

- Ernie Bobowski -

As I come to the end of my term as Chairperson of the Council, I wish to thank very sincerely all who have assisted me in carrying out my mandate. As you well know, no one can do well without the support and contribution of conscientious others. I thank especially Father Louis who has been a very strong supporter of my efforts. May God bless all of you.

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

- Nathan Bewcyk -

First off, I would just like to say it is a great honour to have been nominated and elected for the St. Gerard's Parish Finance Chairperson position. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me transition into the role throughout the year – it is such a great experience and am glad to have a significant role within the parish.

We are in the midst of the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic – and the finances have remained consistent for 2021. We are forever grateful to the parishioners who have continued to donate throughout the year. Throughout the year, as health restrictions lessened, we were able to open the church to allow for more people to gather together to celebrate the mass in person – and we couldn't be more thrilled to see many of our St. Gerard's family again!

Though we were unable to host our annual Fall Supper for the second year in a row, we look forward to coming into 2022 with crossed-fingers and high hopes that we will soon be able to get things back to where we left off in 2019.

Total Sunday (offertory) collections for the year were \$251,893 compared to \$257,346 in 2020. Included in this total are loose offerings which continued on the slight decline from \$7,560 to \$7,100. The overall resulted in a small decline of \$5,453 in total offerings for the year.

Special collections to the Development & Peace, Papal Charities, Needs of the Church – Holy Land, Seminarians, Catholic Missions in Canada, Needs of the Canadian Church and Propagation of the Faith have taken a turn back in the right direction - \$10,513 in 2021 compared to \$5,507 in 2020. Not only that, there was a slight increase in our collection basket for the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper.

In September 2021, the Canadian Catholic Bishops announced a “nation-wide collective [five-year] financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities”. As such, St. Gerard parishioners donated \$6,070.00 (including monies donated directly to the Archdiocese) to kick-off this 5-year initiative.

The continued donations and pledges of St. Gerard’s parishioners to the annual Bishop’s Appeal were as follows according to the year-end Diocesan report: \$30,300 in 2021 compared to \$36,295 in 2020. All donations received for this Appeal are forwarded directly to the Archdiocese of Regina to be used for various programs and services throughout the diocese.

We have received specific government funding by means of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) both this year and last year. As such, we have received \$17,917 in 2021 (\$34,060 in 2020). This subsidy program has been discontinued as of October 2021. This subsidy program has allowed the church to maintain the level of staffing despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Being my first year on the Finance Council, again I would like to thank everyone who has made the transition into the position easy. A huge thank you to Brain Kruger with his six years of service as the Chairperson and mentoring me throughout the year. Also, Sandra has done astounding work with maintaining our Parish financial records. I look forward to see what 2022 brings us!

“I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.” – Philippians 4:13 (RSVCE)

PASTORAL COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRPERSON

- Wayne Exner -

Due to COVID we only had two Deanery meetings this year. Carm Molnar has joined me to represent your parish with the deanery committee. The chairman is Merv Polzen from Kamsack. The dean is Father Joseph Kuruvilla from Canora. I personally sat in as chair for one of the meetings. Meetings are usually held at St. Gerard’s due to it being most centrally located. The following parishes are represented: Canora, Ituna, Kamsack, Kelliher, Melville, Rama, St. Phillips, Sturgis and Yorkton.

We get together to share ideas and promote Archdiocesan programs. We had this past year an information event on sexual abuse by priests on November 25th from 7-9 at St. Gerard’s. Archbishop Don attended plus speakers from the archdiocesan office. It was well attended by all parishes represented within the deanery.

The Rama Pilgrimage was cancelled again for this year. Deacon Dave’s St. Philomena

walk from Yorkton to Rama still went ahead this year. There were about 20 walkers.

Some of the COVID restrictions were lifted for a short period of time but were reinstated later. Most churches have some form of a choir but restricted. The deanery still pays a membership fee to CHAS.

The council of priests met by Zoom in the earlier part of the year for a retreat with Bishop Jerry Pettipas of Winnipeg. The Archbishop's Appeal went well for most parishes. The Capital Campaign for updating the cathedral and buildings is still ongoing but at present is not very active. They have reached a total of \$6.5 million of the \$17 million total.

A council of priests met on October 7th to discuss residential schools. We have not had a meeting since so we have no further information. The Dean, Father Joseph spoke at length on his experiences in the St. Phillips area. Everything was handle well by Father and the Archbishop.

Canora did a drive on Coats for Kids by the Knights. Rama is very busy in the summer with visitors at the Grotto. Visitors came from all over as far away as Edmonton. Rama plans to go ahead with the 100th anniversary when it will be possible. They commissioned new stained glass windows for the church.

LITURGICAL

- Colleen Haider -

The past year was, once again, challenging due to Covid-19 restrictions. Only a small group of liturgical ministers were able to assist Father Louis throughout most of the year.

We began the year with a maximum of 30 people allowed to attend Mass, with pre-registration for Saturday/Sunday Mass required. Due to the attendance at Mass events were either scaled back or cancelled.

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

Beginning March 19 restrictions were relaxed somewhat allowing 30% or up to 150 people able to attend Mass with pre-registration continuing.

March 19th was the Solemnity of St. Joseph, with the Way of the Cross led by 10 Youth members at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

Private confessions were heard prior to Easter. Father Andrzej Sowa, OMI (St. Henry's, Melville) assisted Father Louis.

The St. Gerard tradition of hosting Lenten Lunches at a 12:05pm daily Mass were cancelled due to Covid-19.

We were able to have Triduum celebrations but only with a maximum of 30 people attending. As further pandemic restrictions were mandated, we were unable to have

Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. There was Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday but only a simple bow was allowed. Blessing of Festive Food was not allowed due to health restrictions.

In May Covid-19 restrictions opened up to 30% capacity. Pre-registration for Sunday Masses continued. Daily Mass resumed with the Rosary prayed before Mass. Holy Hour with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass resumed Tuesday evenings.

In July we no longer had to register for Mass as contact-tracing was no longer required and the capacity limits increased. Parishioners continued to maintain 2 metres to physically distance themselves from others, sanitized their hands, and wore masks. The distance markers were removed from the pews and parishioners were asked to leave one row of pews between them and the next row of people.

The Memorial Mass was held November 5th in remembrance of those who had passed away in the last year. Families of the loved one lit a candle and placed it on a branch of the memorial tree when their loved one's name was read. It was a beautiful service and was very well attended.

A Penitential Service was held early in December. Four priests from the Yorkton-Melville Deanery assisted Father Louis with the service, followed by private confessions.

Due to the pandemic the Parish Mission planned for 2021 was cancelled. Mr. Steven Boucher presented "The Simple Yes of Mary Then, and Our Yes Today!" at each Mass December 4th and 5th.

Father Louis celebrated three Masses Christmas Eve and two Masses Christmas Day, as well as one Mass New Year's Eve and one Mass 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 ended another calendar year and it is very much in time to thank all the catechists for facing the challenges we had in this ministry in 2021 with a hope-filled heart, faith, courage and determination. We appreciate and are grateful for your commitment, and at the same time we acknowledge your talents as a gifts from the Holy Spirit.

We would like to thank Fr. Louis for his all out support and trust he has given us. To Sandra as well for looking after the preparation of the venue, necessary communications through phones and emails, and materials for the said programs.

The following are the set of programs in each of the apostolate you are called for:

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Study began in November, continuing from the previous sessions which was started by Fr. Louis. Approximately, 25 participants who meet every Monday evening.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

RCIA (FULL COMMUNION)

One adult began to prepare to be received in the church. The ceremony will take place in early 2022.

Mary Bybliw

One adult who had been baptized in the Roman Catholic rite prepared for and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Rene & Ophelia Adane

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation sessions were held two sessions in 2021 – March and December. Parents who were unable to attend the sessions were prepared by Fr. Louis. In total, there were 26 families who took part.

Trevor & Laurel Baker
Ferdie & Christine Molo
Bri Borden & Sandra Archer

MATRIMONY

This the fourth year that Farley & Linda Maddaford have facilitated the Marriage Preparation program in the parish, journeying with engaged couples as they prepare to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage. Four couples completed the program in the first session of 2021 and five couples begin the second session in November 2021.

The workbook "For Better & Forever" was used in the first session but not enough copies were on hand for future sessions. We found this workbook to be very comprehensive, with good content, meaningful reflections and prayers but it was no longer in stock. The new workbook "What God Has Joined" was ordered as a replacement. Material from both workbooks was used for the Nov 2021 to Jan 2022 session.

Upon completion of the program a Marriage Preparation Completion Certificate was presented to the couples at a weekend mass. We enjoy the lively discussion with our engaged couples and thank them for their faithful attendance.

Farley & Linda Maddaford

One Filipino couple completed the marriage preparation program prior to their wedding at St. Gerard's.

Rene & Ophelia Adane

TRI-SACRAMENT PREPARATION

The sacrament preparation this year was a little bit different of what we usually did for the previous years. For this year, the preparation session starts with a Mass at 1pm followed immediately with the preparation sessions. We need commitment both from parents and child. It was formally started October 3rd.

Due to the COVID pandemic restrictions, wearing of a mask was a must, and use of hand sanitizer and social distancing inside and outside the church were practiced.

40	Tri-Sacraments (First Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Communion)
2	Sacrament of Confirmation preparation only
3	Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist preparation only
1	Retreat and reception of the sacraments only

Total: 46 Participants

November 20, 2021 was the retreat and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

December 24, 2021 at 4pm, the participants and their families were given the special schedule for the Christmas Eve celebration.

The month of December was taken as a break, with the next session to commence January 2, 2022. We look forward to the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion which will take place in the spring of 2022.

Rene & Ophelia Adane

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Mark Bell -

The 2021 calendar year saw a number of cancellations due in large part to the provincial COVID restrictions and cancellation of in person gatherings. This had a sizeable impact on our Share Lent program and Development and Peace initiatives.

One of our major events Share a Meal program with Safe Haven in June 2021 was cancelled outright. As COVID restrictions and provincial guidelines eased to allow church service and meetings we were able to salvage a number of events over the last quarter, these were essentially cancelled as churches across the province closed to in-person activities.

- Habitat for Humanity – hot meal request. In November the Social Justice committee was asked to prepare and serve 2 hot meals for the trainees working on the local Habitat for Humanity house. Meals were served in St. Gerard’s Hall on Nov 10 and 25th for 8 workers.
- Feed the Need event – This program was in lieu of our meal event with Soup Haven which was closed to all services and supports due to COVID. Information went out

to Soup Haven and Salvation Army to broadcast to their program recipients. Members of the Social Justice Committee prepared a menu, acquired food items and prepared a hot meal to serve on a take-out basis to needy households. Meal prep took place on Nov. 16th and on the 17th a total of 125 individuals were served a hot meal complete with salad and dessert between 4:00 – 7:30 PM. Thanks to members of the Social Justice Committee and hall volunteers who prepared, served and cleaned up the kitchen and hall serving area. Leftover meals were taken to St. Mary's School for their nutrition program. Additional food stocks from the Knights of Columbus brunches were identified and donated to St. Mary's later that month. Total cost of event \$835.07

- Salvation Army Kettle Program volunteers – as has been a tradition, volunteers to provide security for one complete day at the Salvation Army kettles had been requested. A total of 20 volunteers were needed to cover the 8 hours that donations were being sought at 5 locations. Out of the 20 volunteers needed, we were able to organize 14 people. Thank you to those parishioners who volunteered their time.
- Giving Tree Campaign – The Social Justice Committee finished off the year with the largest campaign since the program's inception in 2015. A total of 10 organizations representing 181 individuals were supported. In 2021 all decorations were retrieved off the tree and packaged requests were returned by the December 19th distribution deadline. In addition, additional support was received from St. Michael's School (teachers and students) who raised an astonishing \$741 that was used to buy food cards for needy families. Cost for 2021 - \$200. In comparison, 2020 which saw the church essentially closed to parishioners required an outlay of \$1,537 to acquire gifts for needy families.
- Transient Assistance – throughout the year a total of \$460.39 were provided to needy persons travelling through Yorkton. In addition, Food Bank donations through St. Gerard's church collection was continued through the year.

I would like to thank my committee members for their support, assistance and input though this challenging year.

COMMUNITY LIFE

- Rose Marchinko -

Due to Covid these past 2 years, we have only started to provide some services since August 2021.

The committee and volunteers served twelve families following the Prayer Vigil and/or Funeral Mass for their loved one.

We have 2 teams of ladies and gents 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 baking items for these lunches.

Thanks to all volunteers. Your help, advice and commitment to our parish is truly appreciated. Your little is a lot, when you give your all, there's JOY in the journey as we walk along side each other!

SPRING is near! Trust God that He can restore life and make all things new!!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Vacant -

No report submitted.

FAMILY AND SOCIAL

- Vacant -

No report submitted.

YOUTH

- Melinda Sevilla -

The youth ministry continued to help our as mass helpers from January to March however the youth group took charge as mass helpers every Saturday at 7pm from March to June 2021 including Holy week and Easter Season either as musicians, lectors and ushers. However, from July to December we continued to help out as mass helpers but no longer in charge of the 7pm mass since regular mass schedules were back. Sacrament of Reconciliation was received by the youths in the parish last Holy Saturday. Month of December, the youth group helped out in the Annual Parish Cleaning Bee. Thank you for your prayers and continued support in our youths in our parish.

ECUMENICAL

- Carm Molnar -

January 18 - 25, 2021 – participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity over Zoom.

Prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland

March 5, 2021 – World Day of Prayer – virtual

Host country - Vanuatu

May 2021 – Joined Filipino Catholic community in Yorkton – Praying the Rosary Malolos

Cathedral/Immaculate Conception Parish Cathedral/Minor Basilica

May 30, 2021 – Attended the Ordination of Luanne Hrywkiw from Holy Trinity Anglican church in Yorkton (Diocese of Qu'Appelle)

June 5, 2021 – Shared information with Yorkton Ministerial Association – Canadian council of churches and its ecumenical partners, the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism invited all to “Abide in My Love: Cross-Canada online celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

October 17, 2021 – Attended the Synod mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina

STEWARDSHIP

- Linda Maddaford -

Stewardship is not about giving to a need, but rather it is about the need to give. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. It is important for us to share our time, talent, and our material possessions because, through sharing, we build and experience community.

In 2021 we endured our second year of Covid-19 with the accompanying restrictions, exposure risks, and changing mandates. Members of our community are still dealing with isolation and loneliness, but our CWL, K of C, and Pastoral Council each made efforts to offer outreach and support this past year. St. Gerard’s parish continues to be blessed with many parishioners who give generously of their time through ministries, and support our parish financially.

I prepared Stewardship Reflections for insertion in the weekly bulletin. For 2021 the reflections alternated between Time, Talent, and Treasure themes, and the Care for Creation theme. Care for Creation has been highlighted by Pope Francis since his 2015 Laudato Si’ encyclical and will remain at the forefront of global Catholic, secular, NGO, governmental and international trade and treaty efforts this decade. We are tasked to undertake an Ecological and Spiritual Conversion in regard to the earth’s treasures. To consider how much of the planet’s resources, we should be using in one year, and how much waste and destruction that consumption generates in the process. I created a PowerPoint entitled Care for Creation: A Crash Course which was presented via Zoom in January and February.

Events attended: I attended For the Love of Creation Prairie Regional Roundtables in June and September. I participated in A Theological Reflection for Creation workshop with Development & Peace and attended the People and Planet First fall campaign. In August the Archdiocese hosted an informative webinar - Listening to the Land: A conversation on the stewardship of creation. I attended the Bishop’s Appeal Launch in Sept as well as several of Diocesan Stewardship focused meetings online.

May what you give in prayer and gratitude be returned to you a hundredfold, filling your cup until it overflows.

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."

The Pandemic certainly affected all league activities. We were unable to have our 'Annual Garage Sale' which is our major fundraiser for charities again in September. We called all the members in March as a means of socializing, and in November we contacted them to promote our 2022 membership drive. In November we organized a 'Christmas Pudding' Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this fundraiser a success realizing approximately \$1,100.00. The CWL shared the Memorial Mass with the Knights of Columbus in November.

We donated to the following charities and organizations in 2021:

Two S.H.H.S. Scholarships	\$ 500.00
Save A Family	\$ 250.00
C.H.A.S. Membership	\$ 75.00
Pro-Life Membership	\$ 25.00
Legion Wreath	\$ 42.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 100.00
Misc. Gifts	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total	\$1,092.00

In 2021, nine CWL Members passed away and eight members moved away from our council. We provided an honor guard for five members. Our council continues to pray for all current and deceased members.

Our current executive consists of the following:

Spiritual Advisor – Fr. Louis Kim Nguyen
President – Paulette Cooper
Secretary – Della Faul
Treasurer – Mary Bybliw
Past President – Linda Maddaford
Membership/Organization – Vacant
Spiritual Development – Deanna Pellatt and Christine Shuya
Christian Family Life – Lorraine Slogocki and Rose Marie Todos
Communications – Stephanie Flaman
Legislation and Resolutions – Jody Chupa

Thank you to Father Louis for his spiritual guidance and inspiration during the past year. Also thank you to the executive who have supported me – greatly appreciated.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Rejean Houle, Grand Knight -

The Knights of Columbus is a group of men that serves in parishes and communities. Council 2031 is serving St. Gerard's parish and Yorkton community. The 4 pillars of the organization are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

We encourage our brothers serve in the need of our parish. Many brothers are readers, communion ministers, ushers. We help taking communion and visiting the parishioners that are in retirement home and at home. Some serves on Pastoral and Finance council. Many also assist with maintenance of the buildings. Also many serve on fundraising (perogies). We also support the parish financially sacrament gifts, Retreat/mission and others. With the great help from Father Louis we have some special services traveling Icon, Silver Rose, Memorial Mass with the CWL for our decease members. We lead rosary every Monday during the month of October and May. We put a sign at the church for Keep Christ in Christmas. We help deliver donation envelope and annual receipt.

We help Deacon Dave with the St Philomena pilgrimage to Rama.

In the community we help with food for family Salvation Army, Coats for Kid. Bowling for Kids BBBS Habitat for Humanity, Camp Easter Seal, Camp O'Neil, Scholarship for students at the 2 High Schools. We erect a large sign in Western Financial Park downtown to promote Keep Christ in Christmas. We have white ribbon Campaign to Support Shelwin home. We also support to children in developing world Plan and Chalice.

We encourage families with recognize a family every month for the service they do in the church and community. We have family curling Monday evening during curling season. Every fall we clean yards for families that need help. We recognized the mothers on Mother Day. We support Sask. Prolife by donation, life chain on Broadway. We lead the rosary for the unborn in October.

Every month our Editor publish an award winning newsletter.

I wish to thanks Father Louis for direction and encouragement. Also a very big thanks to all brothers and their family to help an any of our project. This where we see what Unity can do.

HALL

- Joan Bonyai-Andrusyk & Nick Andrusyk -

Since Nick and I started as Hall Committee duties in August more functions began following Covid-19 restrictions.

Our volunteers once again came forward to make perogies, prepare cabbage and make cabbage rolls. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and a profit of \$15,757.73 was made - \$1,000.00 more from last year. Drive-through Perogy & Cabbage Roll Fundraisers were held in March, November and December.

The hall catering expense is roughly \$650.00 less than last year.

Other hall functions were 12 Prayer Vigil and/or Funerals lunches, 1 wedding reception, 1 baptism reception, 2 wakes and 1 Penitential Service.

The hall has also been used for our committee meetings and parish group activities, following Covid protocols.

PROPERTIES

- Gary Colbow -

In 2021 some larger expenditures had to be made to repair or replace appliances or fixtures:

1.	Furnace #F-3 replacement (West hallway)	\$7,079.74 (net of SaskEnergy rebate)
2.	Outside building lighting	\$4,280.32
3.	Grease interceptor	\$1,614.48
4.	Telephone system	\$3,168.20

Other capital purchases include:

1.	Cardiod microphone for the altar	\$628.22
2.	Artificial Christmas tree	\$547.53

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

	2021	2020	Change
1 Building & Liability Insurance	\$25,432.04	\$20,008.40	\$5,423.64
2 Power	13,655.96	14,643.07	-987.11
3 Building Repairs & Maintenance	8,059.05	7,707.41	351.64
4 Heat	6,658.70	6,422.06	236.64
5 Snow removal	5,897.74	7,484.99	-1,587.25
6 Equipment Purchases, Repairs & Maintenance	1,466.78	1,527.15	-60.37
7 Water and Sewer	1,072.08	1,407.22	-335.14
8 Garbage and Recycling Collection	1,053.92	1,114.63	-60.71
9 Security	258.40	258.40	0.00
10 Grounds Maintenance	303.65	1,592.81	-1,289.16
	\$63,858.32	\$62,166.14	\$1,692.18

In January the F3 furnace quit working and had to be replaced.

After a power outage in January, the LDK phone system crashed. As the hard drive could not be repaired, and the system and software had become obsolete, the phone system was replaced in February.

The air conditioning unit for the east side of the church did not seem to be putting out cold air and was continuously running. The unit was checked out and was found to be extremely low on Freon. The unit was recharged and put back into operation. It will be checked again next spring and if the coils are found to be leaking they may have to be replaced at that time.

The outside lighting on the church and hall was in poor condition. The ballasts in many of the fixtures were burned out and the cost to replace them, if you could find them, was as much as new LED fixtures so it was decided to replace all outdoor lighting with new LED fixtures which was not much more cost than repairing the old ones and the cost to operate the new ones should be less. The new lights provide more light and should be good for many more years.

In August, when the grease interceptor was cleaned out, it was discovered that the unit was badly corroded and was leaking and could not be fixed. A new thermoplastic unit was bought to replace the old metal one. We were able to get the new unit and have it replaced in less than a week which meant very little shutdown time for the dishwasher and kitchen.

Premium Fire Protection did their twice yearly inspections of the fire suppression system in the kitchen and all fire extinguishers were checked and ready for use if needed. There were three that had to be pressure tested and these were done. The fire suppression system in needed to be extended by to fusible links and that was done.

Some work had to be done on the dishwasher to keep it working properly.

Property insurance has gone up 20 percent and that is why that is somewhat higher than last year.

Thank you very much for the guidance and dedication of the committee members, volunteers and staff who do all of the things they do to keep the church, the hall and rectory operating effectively. There is a lot to look after here and your help and dedication is very much appreciated. Hopefully the Covid pandemic can be brought under control so that life can return to a normal that we experienced before it began.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS 2021-2022

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson	Ernie Bobowski
Vice-chairperson	Wayne Exner
Secretary	Joanne Geysen
Liturgical	Colleen Haider
Religious Education	Rene & Ophelia Adane
Social Justice	Mark Bell
Community Life	Rose Marchinko
Public Relations	VACANT
Family and Social	VACANT
Youth	Melinda Sevilla
Ecumenical	Carmella Molnar
Stewardship	Linda Maddaford
CWL Representative	Paulette Cooper
K of C Representative	Rejean Houle

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairperson	Nathan Bewcyk
Hall	Joan Bonyai-Andrusyk & Nick Andrusyk
Properties	Gary Colbow
Members at Large	Conrad Rodney
	Richard Dubois
	Dwight Guy

Stewardship Prayer

I offer this day to you, dear God.
Thank you for the blessings you have given me.
May I use these gifts to build your kingdom.
May my actions be a reflection of your love.
May what I do today bring others closer to you.
May my words be kind and gentle and may they bring joy to others.
Today, help me to give back a portion of what you have given me.
I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

St. Gerard's Church
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 2021

St. Gerard's Church

Yorkton, Saskatchewan

December 31, 2021

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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, 2021, and the Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets and Cash Flows 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, 2021, 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

Baker Tilly SK LLP

Yorkton, SK
February 23, 2022

St. Gerard's Church
 Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents - note 4	309,345	286,262
Accounts receivable	2,008	
Inventories	3,602	3,601
Prepaid expenses	<u>33,296</u>	<u>23,381</u>
	348,251	313,244
Long-Term Investments		
Interparochial - sharing account receivable, restricted building fund, 2% interest, no set terms of redemption	18,436	18,074
Capital Assets - note 5	<u>1,863,198</u>	<u>1,892,278</u>
	<u>\$ 2,229,885</u>	<u>\$ 2,223,596</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities - note 6	90,245	76,970
Parish hall deposits	<u>915</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>91,160</u>	<u>77,870</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets - general fund	1,970,649	1,983,936
Restricted net assets - building and other restricted funds	<u>168,076</u>	<u>161,790</u>
	<u>2,138,725</u>	<u>2,145,726</u>
	<u>\$ 2,229,885</u>	<u>\$ 2,223,596</u>

Approved on behalf of the council:

St. Gerard's Church
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Balance, beginning of year	1,983,936	161,790	2,145,726	2,128,727
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>(13,287)</u>	<u>6,286</u>	<u>(7,001)</u>	<u>16,999</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,970,649</u>	<u>\$ 168,076</u>	<u>\$ 2,138,725</u>	<u>\$ 2,145,726</u>

The restricted fund net assets represent the following:

Building	116,009	109,972
Cemetery	13,407	13,158
Other	<u>38,660</u>	<u>38,660</u>
	<u>\$ 168,076</u>	<u>\$ 161,790</u>

St. Gerard's Church
Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Unrestricted General Fund		Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	Church	Parish Hall	(Note 8)		
Revenue					
Regular offerings	260,100			260,100	267,033
Hall revenue		8,454		8,454	4,791
Diocesan collections			36,268	36,268	33,647
Donations	8,694		10,245	18,939	36,759
Fundraising revenue					
- note 7	20,375			20,375	19,123
Government assistance					
- note 12	14,917			14,917	34,060
Interest income			361	361	1,117
Other revenue					
- note 10	6,026			6,026	728
Committee revenue					
- note 11	1,950			1,950	1,054
	<u>312,062</u>	<u>8,454</u>	<u>46,874</u>	<u>367,390</u>	<u>398,312</u>
Expenses					
Compensation and benefits	129,985	10,604		140,589	142,428
Diocesan collections remitted			36,268	36,268	33,647
Diocesan assessments	32,005			32,005	37,484
Donations			4,170	4,170	4,120
Catering		3,463		3,463	4,121
Administration	20,429			20,429	20,863
Committee expenses					
- note 11	11,063			11,063	13,417
Fundraising expenses					
- note 7	3,556			3,556	3,537
Pastoral expenses	1,328			1,328	2,723
Other expenses					
- note 10	209			209	95
Cemetery maintenance			150	150	
	<u>198,575</u>	<u>14,067</u>	<u>40,588</u>	<u>253,230</u>	<u>262,435</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses Before Building Costs					
	<u>113,487</u>	<u>(5,613)</u>	<u>6,286</u>	<u>114,160</u>	<u>135,877</u>
Utilities	14,464	7,181		21,645	22,731
Amortization	20,561	25,813		46,374	46,631
Maintenance expense	11,469	5,312		16,781	19,427
Property taxes					
Insurance	16,956	8,476		25,432	20,008
Rectory expenses	10,929			10,929	10,081
	<u>74,379</u>	<u>46,782</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>121,161</u>	<u>118,878</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses for the Year					
	<u>\$ 39,108</u>	<u>\$ (52,395)</u>	<u>\$ 6,286</u>	<u>\$ (7,001)</u>	<u>\$ 16,999</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, 2021

	2021	2020
Cash Provided By (Used In):		
Operations		
Received from donors and offerings	315,307	337,439
Received from hall operations	7,621	4,341
Received from fundraising	26,402	20,905
Received from government	13,757	34,060
Interest received	361	1,117
Paid to suppliers	(122,827)	(121,896)
Paid to and for employees	(142,020)	(143,751)
Paid to the Archdiocese - assessments	(33,805)	(37,984)
Special collections paid out	<u>(24,058)</u>	<u>(29,043)</u>
	<u>40,738</u>	<u>65,188</u>
Investing activities		
Capital asset purchases	(17,294)	(15,512)
Additions to long-term investments	<u>(361)</u>	<u>(443)</u>
	<u>(17,655)</u>	<u>(15,955)</u>
Net Cash Increase for the Year	23,083	49,233
Cash position, beginning of year	<u>286,262</u>	<u>237,029</u>
Cash Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 309,345</u>	<u>\$ 286,262</u>

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part of these financial statements.*

St. Gerard's Church
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2021

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.

St. Gerard's Church
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2021

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.

St. Gerard's Church
Notes to Financial Statements
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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 Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of the following:

	2021	2020
Bank - operating account	159,704	142,546
Bank - building account	97,573	91,898
Bank - trust account	52,068	51,818
	\$ 309,345	\$ 286,262

5. **Capital Assets**

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value 2021	Net Book Value 2020
Land	20,000		20,000	20,000
Pavement	28,019	22,706	5,313	6,154
Buildings	2,728,656	904,398	1,824,258	1,854,204
Fences	1,299	348	951	1,038
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	60,381	47,705	12,676	10,882
	\$ 2,838,355	\$ 975,157	\$ 1,863,198	\$ 1,892,278

St. Gerard's Church
Notes to Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2021

2021 **2020**

6. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are comprised of the following items:

Accounts payable - general	6,311	5,478
Accounts payable - Archdiocese of Regina	58,719	44,846
Government remittances	2,759	2,720
Wages and benefits payable	<u>22,456</u>	<u>23,926</u>
	<u>\$ 90,245</u>	<u>\$ 76,970</u>

7. Schedule of Fundraising Activities - Unrestricted Fund

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Income 2021	Net Income 2020
Perogies and cabbage rolls	18,535	2,777	15,758	14,725
Sales of books and literature	1,024		1,024	687
Sales of candles and calendars				86
Sales of religious articles	<u>816</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>87</u>
	<u>\$ 20,375</u>	<u>\$ 3,556</u>	<u>\$ 16,819</u>	<u>\$ 15,585</u>

8. Schedule of Restricted Funds

	Other Restricted Fund	Building Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Revenue				
Diocesan collections	36,268		36,268	33,647
Donations	4,570	5,675	10,245	12,451
Interest		361	361	668
	<u>40,838</u>	<u>6,036</u>	<u>46,874</u>	<u>46,766</u>
Expenses				
Diocesan collections remitted	36,268		36,268	33,647
Donations	4,170		4,170	3,120
Committee expenses - Liturgy				1,208
Cemetery maintenance	150		150	
	<u>40,588</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,588</u>	<u>37,975</u>
	<u>\$ 250</u>	<u>\$ 6,036</u>	<u>\$ 6,286</u>	<u>\$ 8,791</u>

9. 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, totalling \$17,617 (\$16,610 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, totalling \$10,390 (\$10,576 in the prior year), is included in salaries and benefits of the parish hall in the Statement of Operations.

St. Gerard's Church
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10. **Schedule of Other Revenue and Expenses**

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Income 2021	Net Income 2020
Votive lights	1,058	209	849	602
Pictorial directory				30
Other	4,968		4,968	1
	<u>\$ 6,026</u>	<u>\$ 209</u>	<u>\$ 5,817</u>	<u>\$ 633</u>

11. **Schedule of Committee Revenue and Expenses**

	Revenue	Expenses	Net Cost 2021	Net Cost 2020
Liturgy committee		6,138	6,138	9,485
Religious education committee	1,950	2,117	167	1,032
Social justice committee		1,495	1,495	1,740
Parish council		1,313	1,313	106
	<u>\$ 1,950</u>	<u>\$ 11,063</u>	<u>\$ 9,113</u>	<u>\$ 12,363</u>

12. **Impact of COVID-19**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization categorized COVID-19 as a pandemic. The extent of this outbreak and related containment measures have had a material impact on the organization's operations during 2021, and may continue to have impacts in the future which cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

The church was opened at reduced capacity for in-person church services during the year according to Saskatchewan Public Health regulations. Various annual fundraisers, such as the Fall Supper, were also cancelled, and the organization's ability to raise donation funds through in-person contacts has been impacted.

In the current year, the organization received government assistance in the form of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy.