

October 21, 2025

Dear Friends and Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Since this is my first letter to you, let me begin by saying the last several months since my arrival have been a profound blessing. There is a vibrancy and dedication of faith here at Our Lady of Lourdes that is truly the work of the Spirit. As someone coming in new, it is truly a gift and inspiration to be among you.

Your dedication shows in the financial summary enclosed with this letter. Ending with a \$13,000.00+ surplus is encouraging. My hope is that we can have at least as good of a report next year. To ensure another good year, please fill out your pledge card for the coming year. Pray over it considering the rising cost of doing business and the challenges that we face in the coming year.

One area the Finance Council and myself would like to work on going forward is the development of a Legacy Society to ensure the future of our parish. With a beautiful and historic church, we know the future will require funds for an elevator upgrade, the replacement of the church roof, upgrades to boilers and HVAC.

We are custodians of the faith in being a vibrant faith community, but I ask you to see yourselves as custodians of our programs, personnel, and properties as well.

Thank you for your prayer and consideration. May the Lord bless you in your own inner life of faith, and in your providing for the material needs of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Christ bless you always!

Sincerely,

Fr. Leo Schneider, Pastor

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