



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH & NEWMAN CENTER

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2021



Message from
Fr. Jake Anderson
Pastor/Director

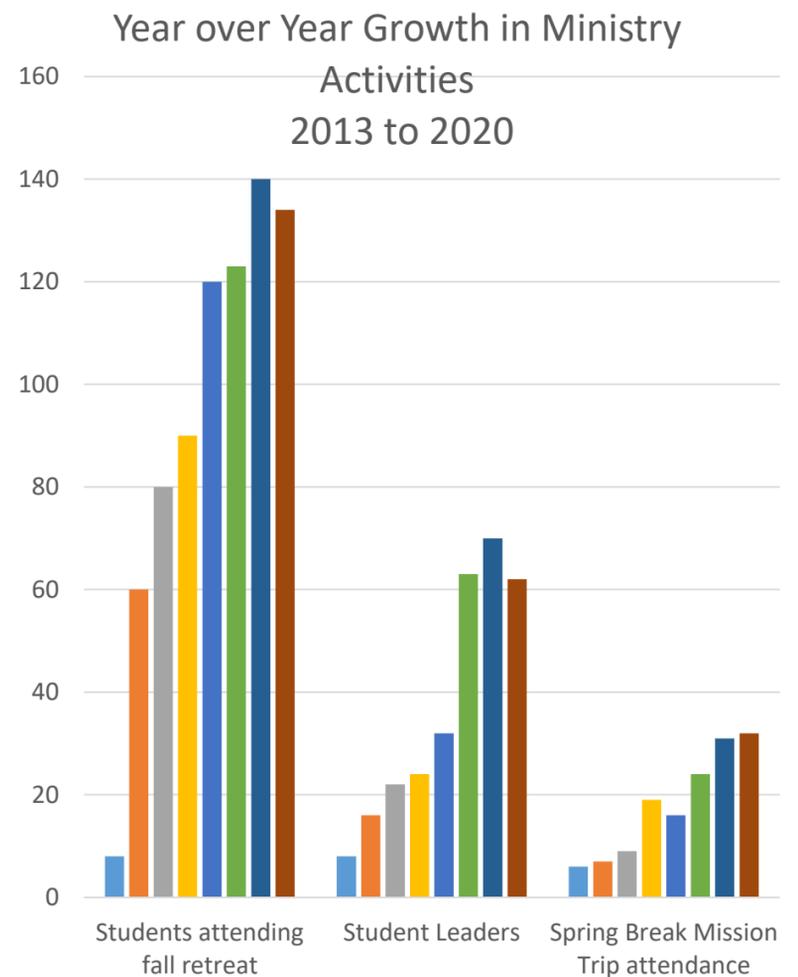
As a faith community, we are honored to be given an extremely important mission –

Making disciples of Jesus as a university Catholic church

Sitting on the edge of the largest university in a five-state area we are uniquely positioned to call students and young adults out of the spiritual warfare on campus and bring them into relationship with Jesus. The young men and women we are able to reach go on to bring their faith into parishes around the archdiocese, the state and beyond, where they likewise spread the love of God to others.

Our small parish base is rich in faith and parishioners have the opportunity to live out their call to discipleship by providing an example of a faith-filled life, and offering encouragement, support and prayers for the college students that come seeking a community to help them grow spiritually.

The chart on the right shows the annual growth of ministry activities with slight dips last year due to Covid. The Lord is reaching many hearts through this growing ministry! However, we still have a long way



to go. We estimate that we touch about 1,000 college students in some way annually, but demographic data would suggest that there might be almost 9,000 we are not reaching. We will continue to focus on growing our donor income so we can secure the resources needed to cast a wider net. Sincerely, in Christ,

I will take the lessons I learned from St. Lawrence Newman Center with me and strive to witness Christ in every area of my life. I am very grateful for this ministry
- Cecelia Rynda, 2021 Grad

I experienced Christ's love through the sacraments and the student community when I needed it the most; I've been to every retreat since.
– Jonathan Santiago, Student





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	Jul '19-Jun '20	Jul '20-Jun '21	Jul '21-Jun '22 Budget
Income	\$828,875	\$753,020	\$800,715
Expenses	\$786,362	\$777,190	\$842,593
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$42,513	(\$24,170)	(\$41,878)
Unusual Income*	\$0	\$121,890	\$34,981
Capital Expenses**	(\$16,291)	(\$66,734)	(\$10,000)
Change in Financial Position	\$26,222	\$30,986	(\$16,897)

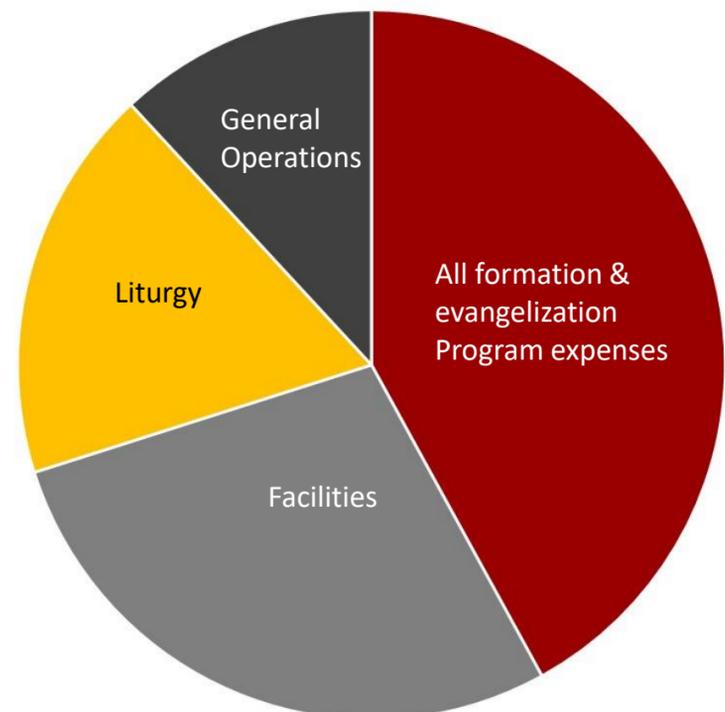
* **Unusual Income:** We received a Covid PPP loan of \$62,000 in April of 2020. The loan was forgiven in fiscal year 2021. In addition, we received a Covid employee retention credit totaling \$59,890 in 2021. We expect an additional Covid employee retention credit of \$34,981 next fiscal year.

** **Capital Improvements:** While we did several maintenance projects in fiscal year 2020, we did not make any major capital improvements. In fiscal year 2021, we replaced the gathering space floor and replaced our main water pipes in the church building. For fiscal year 2022, we have already replaced an AC unit and water heater. In addition, we hope to have the funds to replace the kitchen vent in the rectory and correct the water drainage issues in the back yard of the rectory.

Fiscal 2021 Income
July 2020 – June 2021



Fiscal 2021 Expenses
July 2020 – June 2021



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Sunday Offering Overview F'21 (July 2020 – June 2021)

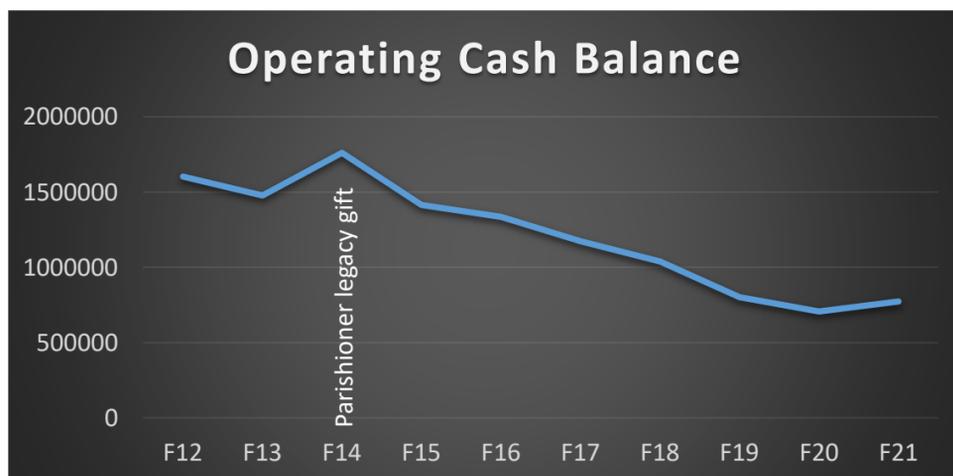
Parish Households	246
Households contributing financially	120
Households making no contribution	126
Parishioner contributions to Sunday Offering	\$175,000
Students/Visitors Contributions to Sunday Offering	\$15,145
Total Sunday Offering	\$190,145

We have seen a decline in the number of registered households consistent with the changing demographics of the neighborhood. The trend seems to have stabilized and in the past year, we have actually started to see an increase in the number of registered parish households.

While we have been generously funded by the CSAF since the merger of the parish and the Newman Center, The donor support for our Campus Ministry program has grown tremendously in the last 10 years from zero to over \$200,000 this past year! We will continue to focus on donor development to fund Campus Ministry programming.

Campus Ministry Support F'21 (July 2020 – June 2021)

Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF)	\$264,500
Parishioner Contributions	\$27,500
Parent Contributions	\$53,000
Alumni Contributions	\$73,000
Other Donor Contributions	\$59,500
Total	\$477,500



We have been using the proceeds of the sale of the old Newman Center, as designated, to make the necessary building improvements and to cover any operating deficits while we work to grow income to match the need.

This is a ten-year look at our annual cash balance. Our Campus Ministry program has grown tremendously, we have completed several upgrades to our facilities and our donor development has not yet kept pace with our growth and financial need. We will therefore, continue to focus on gaining support from our strong parishioner base and the broader Catholic community that sees the value in this important work of evangelization. To make a gift today please go to www.umncatholic.org/donate

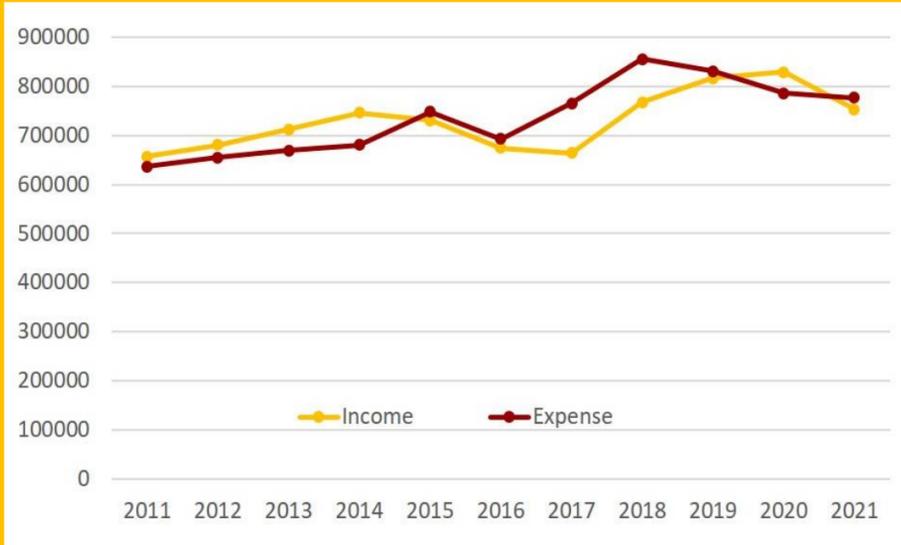
" I am very grateful for my four years at St Lawrence Newman Center. It really helped me prepare spiritually for life after school." Nathan Bixby '21



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HISTORICAL REVIEW OF INCOME & EXPENSES

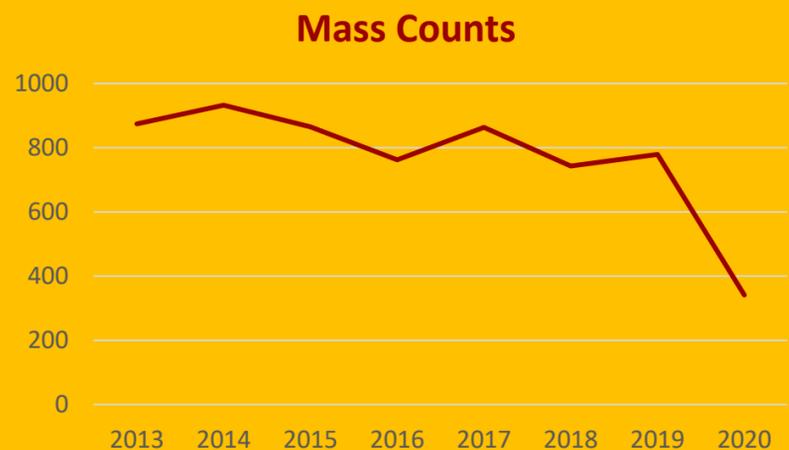


We have seen a growth in our overall income and the sources of that income have also changed. Currently, over 2/3rds of our income comes in the form of support for the Newman Center Campus Ministry. Expenses have also risen due to natural inflation, building improvements and investment spending to launch our development programs.



HISTORICAL REVIEW OF MASS ATTENDANCE

As the university has gotten bigger, more of the neighborhood has converted from family homes to student housing. Older buildings have been torn down and student housing constructed in its place. The changing demographic of the neighborhood can also be seen in our pews. In fall of 2019 (Pre-Covid) we were estimating that a Sunday makeup was roughly 20% parishioners, 70% students and 10% visitors. We are seeing a slow return of members and students back at Mass since vaccines have become widely available and the fall semester started with in person classes.



No one likes to see the trend line that shows fewer people overall in our pews for Sunday Mass. We need to remember that the most dramatic change is the result of the pandemic. Prior to the onset of Covid, there has been a steady decline in attendance. We used to offer a 9 pm Mass and we found that many of those attending were not parishioners but others that saw us as the "last chance Mass." We ended that service in 2015 which explains the decline at that time. Over the last two years we have seen an increase in the number of registered parishioners which is a hopeful sign for the future.