

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How blessed are we to be able to walk this earthly pilgrimage with one another as members of St. Joseph Catholic Church! No matter what is happening around us — be it a pandemic, challenges in our culture, or social strife — **St. Patrick Catholic Church is our safe haven.** It is the place where we can come together, gathered around the Eucharistic table, to worship and serve our Lord.

It is also the place where we serve one another. **Here, united in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we can accomplish amazing things.** Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ each day. We value formation in the faith and sharing our faith with others through evangelization. We also know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors through acts of charity and service. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the truth stated so eloquently by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

With this in mind, **I invite you to respond to St. Patrick Catholic Church's new stewardship program: "God's Love Unites Us."** Please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can play an active role in continuing the work of Jesus Christ through our parish community. Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions **in order to bring Jesus Christ to as many people as possible.** This is no easy task in today's climate, but I am confident that our dedicated parishioners are up to the challenge.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the parish will be holding a special Commitment Weekend, inviting members of our community to connect with one another and to make a financial commitment that will allow St. Joseph Catholic Church to continue its important work. **We are counting on you!** Please participate in our "God's Love Unites Us" Program and help us respond to God's great gift of love by loving one another with the heart of His Son.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to St. Patrick Catholic Church!

In Christ,



Fr. Brian

**ST. PATRICK  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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## Ways to Support & Give to Our Parish



### ONLINE

Visit our **WeShare** page to give electronically at <https://st-patrick-parish.weshareonline.org>



### MAIL

**Mail to:**  
434 N. Main St.  
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

### CALL US

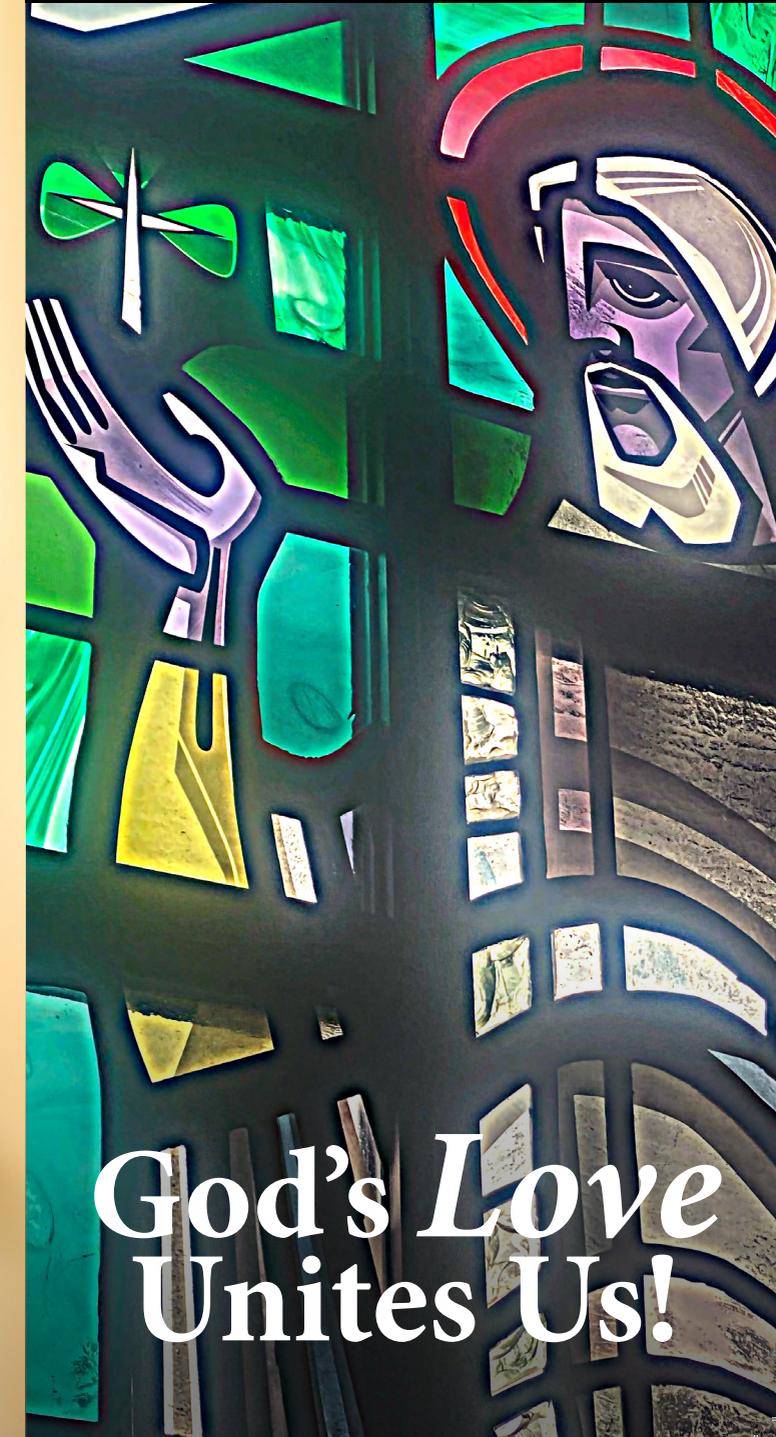
**Call the Parish Office** to set up Automatic Payments, Request envelopes, Make a Gift of Stock or even include St. Patrick in your estate planning 608-839-3969

**Scan this QR code** with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



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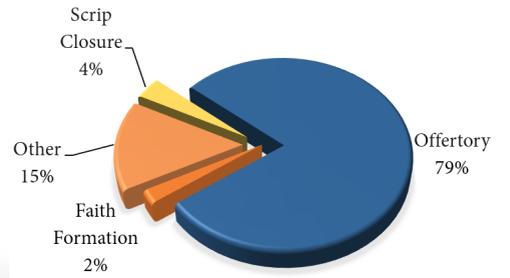


# Financial Snapshot: 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

## Operating Income

Offertory	\$198,949.64
Faith Formation	\$5,710.36
Other	\$37,952.56
Scrip Closure	<u>\$9,055.00</u>

**Total Operating Income** **\$251,667.56**

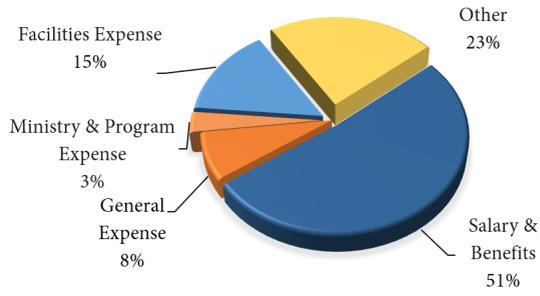


## Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$144,690.96
General Expense	\$21,781.79
Ministry & Program Expense	\$9,234.50
Facilities Expense	\$41,125.59
Other	<u>\$64,237.75</u>

**Total Operating Expense** **\$281,070.59**

**Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** **-\$29,403.03**



## Worship and Sacraments

# 362

Families in our parish

# 13

Baptisms

# 10

Funerals

# 45

Parishioners served in liturgical ministry

# 96

Hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration

# 432

Masses said in our church each year

## Education and Faith Formation

# 76

Children in Religious Education

# 50

Adults in Bible Study and other adult education programs

# 11

First Communions and First Confessions

# 12

Confirmations

# 3

RCIA Candidates

St. Patrick Parish celebrates our excellent religious education programs. As we strive to pass on the faith, good stewardship plays a key role in supporting our staff and students. Stewardship isn't a code word for financial support. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ and engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. Remembering that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

## Go Make Disciples Evangelization Campaign

As we respond to Bishop Donald Hying's call to *Go Make Disciples*, let's each participate in this important mission of the Church. We know that having Jesus Christ at the center of our own lives is the secret to all our happiness. Now let us collaborate fully in bringing the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. Our *Go Make Disciples* Leadership Team is ready to begin leading our parish in our next phase: evangelization of our parish family. "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

- 📍 Leadership Training Opportunities
- 📍 Growing Small Groups
- 📍 Parish Missions and Days of Retreat
- 📍 Growth in Discipleship
- 📍 Improved Communication and Outreach to New Members