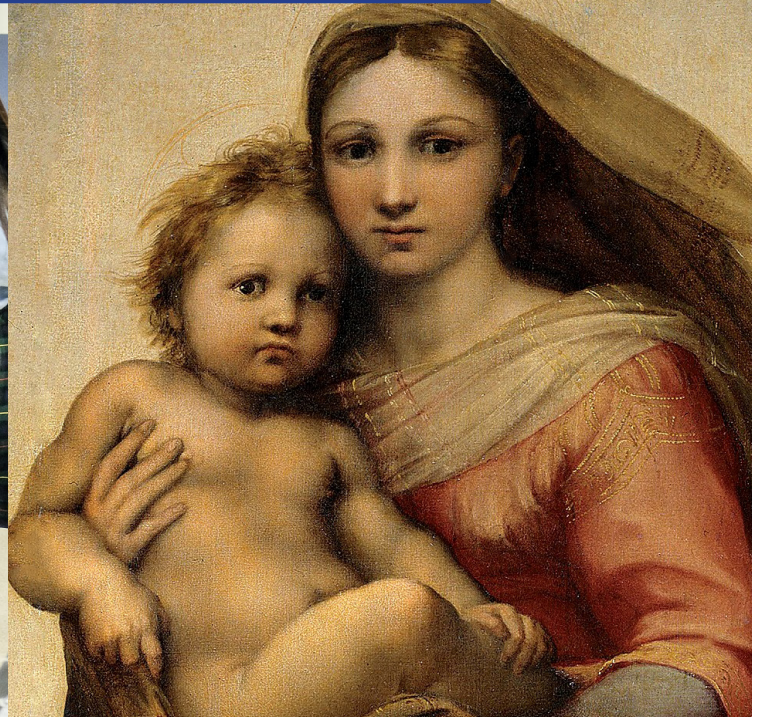




Our Lady of the Lake Annual Parish Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021



Parish Demographics

Parishioners	FY 20/21	%	FY 19/20	%
Households	1,513		1,548	
Individuals ¹	4,383		4,623	
Household Envelope Users/Electronic Givers	617	41%	735	47%
Sacramental Trends	FY 20/21		FY 19/20	
Baptisms	11		24	
Marriages	5		14	
Funerals	20		20	
RCIA Candidates/Catechumens	7/0		6/2	
First Eucharist	28		39	
Confirmation	37		57	
RCIC	4		1	
Discipleship	FY 20/21		FY 19/20	
Pre-K - Eighth Grade	93		186	
High School	20		46	
LANE	330		322	
Parish School: Corpus Christi	FY 20/21		FY 19/20	
Total Students	138		131	
OLL Students	39		43	
SFDS Students	91		79	
Other Students	8		9	
Catholic High School	FY 20/21		FY 19/20	
OLL Students	8		9	

Cover Top Left: The statue of St. Joseph in our chapel (2021 is the Year of St. Joseph)

Cover Top Right: New Catholics at the 2021 Easter Vigil Mass with Fr. Mike Cilibrise

Cover Bottom Left: Students in the hall at Corpus Christi Catholic School, our parish school

Cover Bottom Right: Detail of a print of Raphael's *Sistine Madonna* donated to OLL and displayed in the narthex beginning in Advent 2020

¹	17 and Under	718	16%
	18-24	526	12%
	25-39	820	19%
	40-59	1,194	27%
	60-79	951	22%
	80+	155	4%
	Unknown	19	0.5%



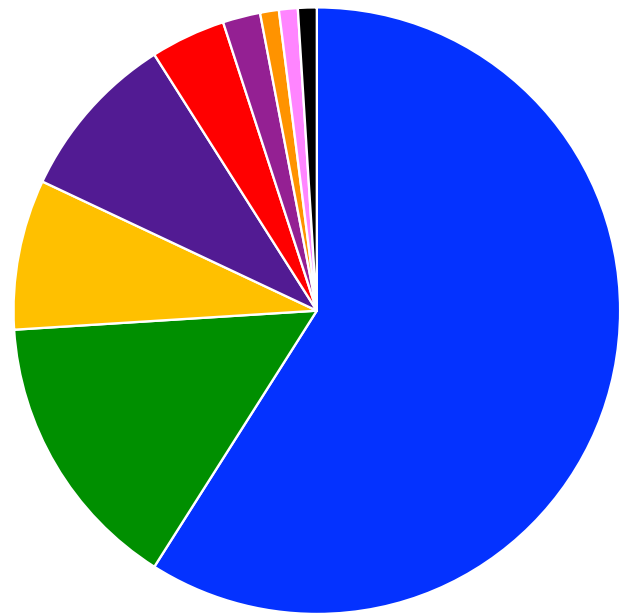
The Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday 2021

Financial Summary

Income	FY 20/21 Actual	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 19/20 Actual
Offertory	\$ 1,129,593	\$ 1,207,585	\$ 1,100,488
Ministry ²	\$ 140,447	\$ 171,576	\$ 150,689
Other ³	\$ 124,177		
Total Income	\$ 1,394,217	\$ 1,379,161	\$ 1,251,177
Expenses	FY 20/21 Actual	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 19/20 Actual
Ministry	\$ 170,045	\$ 220,696	\$ 225,164
Administration	\$ 685,830	\$ 734,015	\$ 714,916
Facility	\$ 150,191	\$ 129,459	\$ 120,526
School (Tuition, HS, Facility)	\$ 289,564	\$ 294,991	\$ 322,188
Total Expenses	\$ 1,295,630	\$ 1,379,161	\$ 1,382,794
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 98,587	\$ (0)	\$ (131,617)
Non-Cash Expense (Depreciation)	\$ (197,251)	\$ (196,511)	\$ (196,510)
Net Surplus (Deficit) per P&L	\$ (98,664)	\$ (196,511)	\$ (328,127)
Use of Reserve Funds ⁴	\$ 23,480		\$ 77,939
Adjusted Net Income	\$ (75,184)	\$ (196,511)	\$ (250,188)

Annual Contributions

Annual Contributions 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	Number of Households	Percentage of Households
\$0	896	59%
\$1 - 499	216	15%
\$500 - 999	115	8%
\$1,000 - 1,999	138	9%
\$2,000 - 2,999	54	4%
\$3,000 - 3,999	33	2%
\$4,000 - 4,999	18	1%
\$5,000 - 6,999	20	1%
\$7,000.00 +	23	1%
Total	1,513	100%

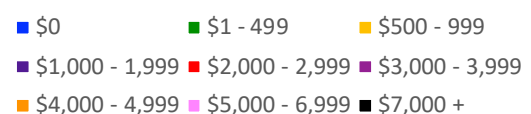


² Grants, stipends, ministry donations, and tuition

³ Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness

⁴ Income from prior years designated for specific expenses made in FY20/21

Finance Council Members: Theresa Asselin, Brad Everest, Bob Fenton, Alan Hughes, Becky Loeprich, and Tim Munster



Community Life



A Farewell Reception for Fr. Mike Cilibrise

It wasn't always easy to bring parishioners together in 2020 and 2021, but our Community Life Department stayed flexible, used all the tools at our disposal, and rose to the occasion. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to keep our community together this past year!

Guilds and Groups

Our guilds and groups transitioned from online meetings back to in-person meetings as soon as possible. We added several new guilds, including the Men's Golf Guild and the LANE Prayer Guild.

Devotions

The Rosary before Masses and first Friday Adoration resumed when we returned to public Masses in summer 2020. In the fall we added weekly Adoration on Thursday afternoons and evenings so parishioners would have more frequent opportunities to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. While our Advent programming was mainly online, we brought back all the usual in-person devotions for Lent 2021. We continued other seasonal devotions as we were able, including praying for the dead in November, Stations of the Cross, and a May crowning.

Parish Events

Though many of our annual events had to be canceled in 2020–2021, we adapted to the circumstances by providing online resources and by hosting what in-person events we could.

Communication

In 2020 we began emailing the weekly bulletin to parishioners to help everyone stay informed. In spring 2021 we rebuilt the parish website to make it better organized and more user-friendly.



A Welcome Reception for Fr. Michael Burt

2021–2022 Community Life Goals

- **We will be distinctly Catholic and liturgical.** OLL events, groups, and community life initiatives will continue to be centered around Catholic devotions and celebrations. We will provide our community with a bold Catholic witness by focusing on things that the Catholic Church does uniquely or best.
- **We will promote small groups and affinity groups.** Large gatherings that bring the whole parish together will always have their place, and we are grateful to have these events again after many months without them. However, smaller groups are the ideal venue for forming Christian friendships. The Community Life Department will work to facilitate small groups of parishioners getting together for fellowship, prayer, study, activities, and service.
- **We will make in-person parish events purposeful and significant.** We will strive to invest events with purpose and provide calls to action, prayer, and conversion. We will invite guilds and groups to sponsor events. We will provide online resources, but our goal is to do as much in-person as we can.
- **We will broaden the ways we communicate with parishioners.** While the bulletin, website, and Facebook page are not going away, we will work to use email, mail, and text messages to communicate more directly and effectively with parishioners who prefer these methods.

We look forward to investing in our parish community with you in 2021 and 2022!

Mission

The Mission Department's focus is to extend the Kingdom of God beyond the boundaries of our parish building. Last year we worked with several partner agencies to help those seeking assistance in the greater Holland community. We partnered with Doors of Hope, Holland Rescue Mission, Kids' Food Basket, Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity, the St. Vincent de Paul Center, and the West Michigan Deanery's Migrant Ministry to provide food, shelter, and much-needed hope for our neighbors in need.

As a parish, we collected items for both the Children's Advocacy Center and the Diocesan Prison and Jail Ministry. We helped twenty-three families both in the parish and outside of the parish with rent, utilities, medical bills, transportation, household emergencies, and basic needs. Donations of gently-used clothing, non-perishable food, and over 200 hours of time benefited the St. Vincent de Paul Center downtown. Thousands of dollars worth of clothing and household items were donated to the Holland Rescue Mission's Gateway Thrift Store through the Corners of Your Field program, which resulted in a little over \$3,000 back in gift cards. These cards were used to purchase items for those we serve.

Reaching further beyond our parish boundaries, OLL continued to support our sister parish in Haiti, Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church, with its ongoing rectory/multi-purpose building project, employee salaries, and daily lunch program for schoolchildren.

From partnering with local agencies to extending help across national borders, Our Lady of the Lake was able to effectively use parish resources last year to serve poor, immigrant, and marginalized brothers and sisters of our one, universal Church.

Worship



The OLL Liturgy Choir

2020-2021 brought a lot of change to our music ministry. We welcomed a new Director of Sacred Music, Audrey Thomas, in August and continued to adapt to the frequently changing COVID guidelines. We began discussing the sacredness of our liturgical music and its purpose and connection to the liturgy. Audrey taught a LANE course in the fall of 2020 titled "An Introduction to Sacred Music." In this class we discussed in greater detail our parish's vision for sacred music and our universal call to participate in the Mass, as well as hymnody, choral music, and Church documents.

From fall 2020 to spring 2021, we were limited to minimal music ministers during Mass. We are thankful to our parish cantors for their dedication and leadership during this time:

- Tom Busa
- Brian Burch
- Lisa Homik
- Julia Johnson
- Laura Cole
- Tom Mooney
- Theresa Redmond

Our guidelines changed again in the spring, and it was wonderful to welcome back a small choir for Holy Week and Easter. The Liturgy Choir continued to sing at Mass through the end of June and is eager to resume again this fall. We are looking forward to rebuilding the choir and music ministry at OLL and are excited to welcome new and returning volunteers!



The Beginning of the Candlemas Procession in 2021

During 2020-2021, we continued our effort to encourage traditional devotions and increase the reverence with which we celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass. This has included reintroducing the use of bells both before the liturgy and during the consecration of the Eucharist, starting up weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays, holding processions for Candlemas and Corpus Christi, and resuming devotions like the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, and processions that we were unable to do last year due to COVID.

Many thanks to all the ushers, cross bearers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, sound board operators, instrumentalists, choir members, cantors, and others who have served during Mass this past year. Our goal for the fall is to recruit and train many new liturgical ministers.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Corpus Christi Students in the 2020-2021 School Year

Corpus Christi welcomed students back to school in the fall of 2020 with doors opened wide. Given the pandemic, we had students joining us both in person and virtually. We were able to complete a full school year without needing to close the school due to COVID-19, and we are so grateful for this! We had a successful year of learning and growing together in knowledge, faith, and character.

Our students found creative ways to serve their communities, raising money and awareness for natural disaster relief, local animal shelters, parish ministries, diaper banks, Holland Rescue Mission, and the Saint Vincent de Paul Center. In fact, our students raised over \$1,000 for the Thanksgiving Baskets through the center!

Students also found creative ways to interact with one another, starting pen pal relationships with older students and sharing with prayer and reading buddies virtually.

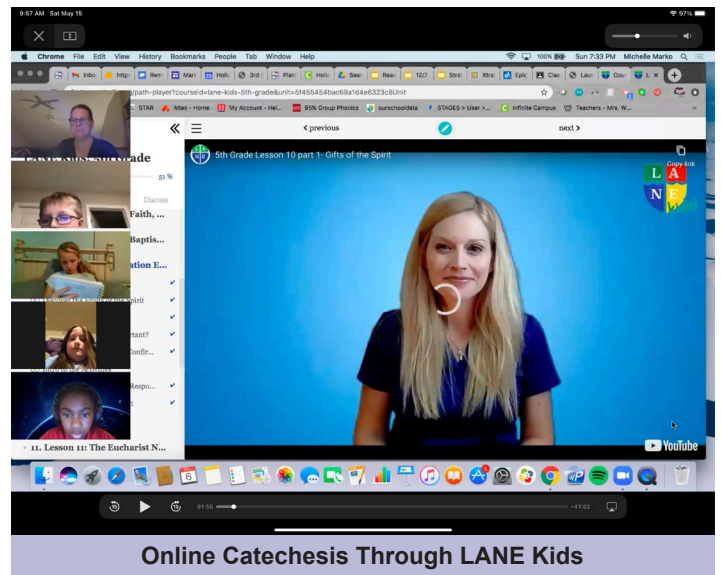
Our teachers rose to the challenge of providing high-quality educational experiences to all of our students, no matter if they were learning at home or in school. We are thankful for a great school year and the continued health and safety of our Corpus Christi community!

Discipleship

The past year was like no other as we navigated the impacts of COVID-19 on our parish family. From adult to youth to children's classes, the Department of Discipleship adapted and has risen to the challenges of the times. The Lakeshore Academy for the New Evangelization (LANE) expanded with an online learning platform. Children's programming, not being able to meet in person, adapted to virtual distance learning. Carla Niziolek, Director of Discipleship, created LANE Kids in response to the pandemic. Staff and key volunteers utilized these classes to provide online catechesis based on the newly-mandated diocesan curriculum. Not only did our parish benefit from our staff's efforts, but so too did two other parishes, whose staff signed up their entire elementary programs from grades K–6 to utilize LANE Kids!

Our middle and high school youth classes benefited from Zoomed live classes. In the spring and summer we were grateful to have the ability to have our middle and high schoolers return to some in-person socials and field trips.

Even the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) benefited from lessons within our remote learning website. We made extraordinary efforts throughout the entire year to expand online programming and to create innovative, exciting, and faith-filled content to meet the needs of our parish family to grow as disciples of Christ.



Online Catechesis Through LANE Kids

Three catechists—Carla Niziolek, Elizabeth Markovicz, and Amy Plackowski—completed their Level 3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd certifications in Essexville, Michigan, through certified CGS instructor Donna Turner.

Middle School

Twenty-one students were Confirmed at the cathedral by Bishop Walkowiak. Confirmands completed many service hours and projects within our community as they prepared for the sacrament. These projects were displayed in our narthex in the spring of 2021.

We enjoyed each other's company online, joining in fellowship and learning together. In the spring and summer months we celebrated being in-person again with events such as a kickball end-of-the-year youth group event, a summer beach party, and a water kickball social.

High School

Even during a pandemic year we continued to offer the Life Teen curriculum. Life Teen was popular, and teens enjoyed encounters with the Lord through learning, witnessing, and growing in their faith.



High Schoolers Visiting a Home-Based Parishioner



A Baptism at the Easter Vigil Mass in 2021

2020–2021 Discipleship Accomplishments

Preschool and Elementary

We created LANE Kids to comply with the new diocesan curriculum and to best serve the elementary students of our parish and beyond. LANE Kids can be utilized in-person (with a catechist leading the lessons) or virtually (both with a catechist or as a homeschool option). With LANE Kids, each lesson outcome is sequenced to utilize multiple strategies to convey the Catholic faith in a dynamic and easily accessible way, including interactive videos, songs, meditations, and experiential activities. In all, 250 participants from our parish and across West Michigan utilized LANE Kids!

Forty-nine OLL students received First Communion in 2020–2021. In the fall, thirty of our third graders who waited patiently to come to the table of the Lord were excited to finally receive the Eucharist. Then in the spring, nineteen second graders received their First Communion as well.

Discipleship

We were awarded a grant from the Corpus Christi Foundation in 2019-2020 to support traveling to the Steubenville, Ohio, Franciscan University Youth Conference. We were blessed to be able to utilize these reserved funds to directly impact and reduce the expense of the conference for our youth participants.

In the spring and summer months our high schoolers enjoyed in-person events such as a high school seniors' celebration, a JOY Bus field trip to visit home-based parishioners, a summer BAM! bowling social, and a beach Rosary and party. We are so grateful to God for his goodness in this past year and look forward to what he has in store for our youth in the next year!

Adults and Families

LANE's learning platform had over 325 participants in its third year! LANE offered seasonal programs in Lent and Advent that the whole parish could utilize free of cost. These programs included several free episodes of One Whirling Adventure and a class with Michael Fonseca, founder of God's Embrace Ministries. In all, LANE offered twenty-four episodes of One Whirling Adventure episodes and eight full courses that helped adults to experience the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic Church by learning about the Bible, doctrine, prayer, liturgy, social teaching, and pilgrimage.



Spring 2021 First Communicants

Seven adults and four children journeyed through the RCIA/RCIC programs and were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please continue to prayer for our neophytes in their inaugural year of living out their Catholic faith.

Ten families received baptismal preparatory instruction and celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism as soon as COVID sanctions lifted.

Carla Niziolek became a Procurator Advocate through the Grand Rapids Tribunal and journeyed with adult parishioners who began annulments as they returned to the fullness of the Catholic Church.

The parish was enriched by having a FORMED.org membership. The RCIA utilized the Symbolon program on FORMED as part of their instruction, and 295 OLL families registered for free on FORMED.org and took advantage of this excellent resource.

2021–2022 Discipleship Goals

Preschool and Elementary

- We will offer options to parents so they can choose the best mode of receiving Discipleship curriculum for their children. Options will include in-person CGS, traditional instruction with LANE Kids, catechist-supported Zoom call classes, and a premium online homeschooling option.
- We will continue to evolve LANE Kids to meet our parish's formation needs and to match the evolving diocesan curriculum.
- We will continually improve collaboration, communication, and program offerings with all our OLL families and their children.

Middle School

- We will continue our Edge and Purpose middle school and Confirmation programs in-person and virtual when necessary.
- We will continue to engage students and families with retreats and experiences beyond traditional catechism classes as pandemic restrictions allow.

High School

- We will continue Life Teen programming, retreats, and experiences, and we will work to increase high school participation.
- We will seamlessly rotate through in-person and virtual options when necessary, developing disciples of Christ.

Adults and Families

- We will grow participation and disciples of Christ through LANE, RCIA, Baptism preparation, marriage preparation, FORMED.org, and through new and engaging course offerings and experiences.
- We will expand LANE programming to include family content.

Parish Care

Parish Care services adapted to the pandemic shutdown by calling, emailing, and mailing our elderly parishioners. We recruited parishioners to send encouraging notes. We also sent Christmas cards to the entire parish. Christmas gifts were given to each of our home/facility-based parishioners under COVID safety guidelines.

Regular visits by our visitation ministers have resumed. We are updating our backup contact list for our home/facility-based parishioners. We are in a collaborative work group with St. Peter in Douglas and St. Francis de Sales in Holland to more effectively serve area Catholics residing in skilled and assisted living facilities.

We continue to sponsor support groups for widows/widowers (Mourning Glories) and those coping with cancer (Witness to Hope), and we have an Atrial Fib support group in the startup phase. We have a loan closet of durable medical equipment for parishioner's use, and we have resumed monthly blood pressure screenings. We hold an annual blood drive and provide grief support and educational programs on health-related topics.

A Message from Our Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters,

The past year was a bit of a paradox for the Our Lady of the Lake faith community. In one sense, it was a year of tremendous change. We lived through a pandemic, which impacted parish life in many ways. With the easing of restrictions, we look forward to resuming the many ministries in place prior to the pandemic.

What is most noteworthy is that our commitment to Jesus Christ, the celebration of his Sacraments and Word, and the mission he calls us to fulfill was unshaken. Our commitment to lifelong Catholic education has remained strong, both through our wonderful school, Corpus Christi, and our various ministry programs. We continued to celebrate the significant moments of faith on our journey to the Kingdom. We celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, first Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, and the Anointing of the Sick. We welcomed individuals into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Through God's provision and our stewardship, our parish and school remained financially solid, including exceeding our goals for CSA and the diocesan capital campaign. I commend you for rising up, embracing, and supporting the Our Shepherds – Our Future Diocesan Capital Campaign. Through one of the most challenging years our nation has faced in decades, Our Lady of the Lake remained strong and steadfast.

There is one change no one could have anticipated. It was the change of assignments for Fr. Mike and myself. Although I am new to Our Lady of the Lake, I am grateful, honored, and excited to be your pastor and to discover what is ahead. From what I have observed, we have much to look forward to.

Our Masses, times of Adoration, and prayer ministries are vibrant. Corpus Christi Catholic School is growing, and we have been blessed with gifted leadership, a clear strategic plan, and families

that are passionate about Catholic education. As we look at the needs of the broader Lakeshore community, we recognize there are tremendous opportunities to enhance student growth.

Our Lakeshore Academy for the New Evangelization (LANE) offers courses for adults, children, and families. LANE has over 400 registered students spread across multiple parishes. The potential of this missionary ministry serving Catholics and curious non-Catholics along the Lakeshore and beyond is boundless.

There will be challenges ahead because we live in challenging times. Following Christ is not easy in a culture that increasingly marginalizes the Catholic faith. We all know of family members, neighbors, and coworkers that need Jesus Christ and the ministry of his Church. As a parish, Our Lady of the Lake is called to share the light of the Gospel.

This year, I invite... no, I challenge you to respond to the Our Lady – Our Parish initiative. I often hear people say that “they” should do this or that to improve our parish. Brothers and sisters, we are “they”! Our Lady of the Lake is our parish. It will remain strong and thrive when we all commit our time, talents, and treasure to building God's Kingdom here in our community.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Burt



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Office Hours: Mon Appt. Only, Tue–Thu
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