

# Worship & Sacraments

*Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Lev 17-26*

Schedule of Weekend Masses: Saturday 4pm  
Sunday 8:30, 11am, 5pm

Schedule of Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00pm and by appointment

Regular Devotions: Eucharistic Adoration Friday at 11.

Church Seating Capacity: 500 (1000)

## Sacramental Statistics

	2010	2015	2019	2020
Infant Baptisms	12	11	10	8
First Communions	36	12	7	12
Confirmations	36	26	12	16
Marriages	3	2	3	
Funerals	47	31	31	22
RCIA Candidates	2	11	3	5

	2010	2015	2019	2021
Pew Count	593	466	443	*230

\*Unofficial estimate based on recent Mass counts

(For A, B, C, below, please name the institutions and describe the ministry)

- A. Nursing homes served by parish: St Antoine, Friendly Nursing Home
- B. Housing for the elderly: Early Village, Foxbrook Manor
- C. Assisted Living facilities: St. Antoine

Cumulative number of people served in A/B/C: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion calls (to homebound people living independently): 29

How many lay ministers bring Communion to the homebound? 6

Beyond visitation for administration of the Sacraments, does your parish have a regular visitation ministry to the homebound/elderly? Please describe. Yes, we identify regular parishioners that are not attending Mass. We reach out to them and set up home visits when they accept.

Does your parish have ongoing responsibilities for Masses or other Sacraments at places outside the parish (ie. nearby hospitals, nursing homes, scouting camps, etc.)? Please specify Masses at Landmark and Early Village 1xmonth prior to covid

Are any of your Masses more than half full relative to seating? No regular Masses, Yes for some/most Holy Days

## Parish Ministries, Outreach and Evangelization

*He summoned the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. Mark 6:7*

Please list all active ministries in the parish, number of ministers serving in each ministry and the number of people served.

**See attached list of ministries**

### Other Questions

*How has your parish changed demographically in the last 10 years? There are fewer school age children attending religious ed. but the over-all numbers have stayed reasonably steady. We have seen increased numbers of people attending Mass and parish events from Woonsocket. That is likely due to a reduction in Masses in the city from church closings and mergers.*

*How have your ministries evolved to respond to changes in demographics? Many/most of our ministries are geared for adults.*

*Identify the strengths and challenges of your parish in responding to the pastoral needs of people in your area.*

There has also been an increase in social media use, as well as print advertising in Woonsocket, to reach those disenfranchised by changes in their parishes. Due to the failing health of our prior pastor for a number of years, many of the things he would do ceased, but we have increased our lay homebound ministries and Bereavement ministry. We also send notes to absent parishioners with bulletins.

*Do you find that the same people are involved in multiple ministries? Yes, there is a core of people that are involved in multiple ministries. HOWEVER, when we looked deeper we found that there are many more people involved with ministries that they started or otherwise interest them. They have been given agency and encouraged to help the community in creative ways that they like.*

*Do you have difficulties getting new people involved in ministries? Sometimes, yes, when people are unsure what the ministry is about, but mostly people are willing to step up.*

*List the ministries or activities that have drawn people into the life of the parish: LOTW, KofC, Twice Treasured, Pro-Life ministry, Rosary, Project St. Matthew.*

*What percentage of parishioners serving in ministries are under the age of 40? 15-20%*

*List the ministries or activities that serve those who are not members of the parish, especially those on the margins: Food Pantry, Scouting, AA, Christmas Giving Tree, Homeschool Community Support, Card Caring Ministry*

*Over the last 10 years, has your parish become more vibrant or is its activity declining? Please explain. Prior to ~2010 there was a large decline in participation for many years. Over the past decade there has been a steady increase in ministry participation*

# Education

*Go into the wide world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Mark 16: 15*

Number of children in parish religious education programs:

2010	2015	2019
246	143	58

Number of children in Confirmation Preparation in 2021: 7

Number of children/Youths in Catholic schools: n/a

Do you have an ongoing catechumenate? yes

Do you have offerings in religious education for special needs students? no

Do you offer a homeschool religious education option? yes

Are there adult education programs other than RCIA? None currently

Program	Dates	# of Participants	Who conducts

Do you have sacramental preparation classes?	Who conducts them?
Baptism: <u>Yes</u>	<u>Deb C. Bert</u>
Reconciliation: <u>Yes</u>	<u>Deb &amp; 2nd grade Teacher</u>
Eucharist: <u>Yes</u>	<u>Deb &amp; 2nd grade Teacher</u>
Confirmation: <u>Yes</u>	<u>Deb &amp; Mike</u>
Marriage: <u>Yes</u>	<u>Priest</u>

## Other Questions

Do you have professional staff to meet the educational needs of the parish (youth and adult)? Describe

If you do NOT have a certified religious educator (DRE, CRE, ARE), why not?

Describe how your facilities serve your educational needs? Do you require additional resources?

Religious education is generally conducted in our parish center. The church and the grounds (garden, outdoor Stations of the Cross) are sometimes use also. There is plenty of room for classes as well as offices and storage. The Parish Center Chapel is convenient.

Assuming there are some children in the parish that do not participate in your educational offerings, what do you estimate the percentage of children in the parish that do participate?

## Parish Staffing

*For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for the sake of Jesus. Everything indeed is for you, so that grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.*

2 Cor 4:5-6, 15

Please indicate number for each category and whether the position is full-time or part-time

	# Full-time	# Part-time	# Volunteer
Deacon			
Pastoral Assistant			
DRE			
CRE		1	
ARE			
Youth Minister			
Parish Secretary			
RE Secretary			
Business Manager		1	
Director of Music			
Music Minister		4	3
Webmaster			1
Thrift Store Manager			2

### Domestic

	# Full-time	# Part-time	# Volunteer
Cook			
Housekeeper			1
Janitorial		1/2	
Cemetery		1/2	
Other			

### Other Questions

1. What staffing needs, if any, are unmet?
2. If trained staffing is inadequate, who is presently doing these tasks?
3. Could you afford to hire additional staff?
4. What will your staffing needs be in the near future? Please specify.
5. What kinds of professional development are offered to staff?

Cemetery Clerical

Business Manager

Yes, for the cemetery

Same

Through Diocese

## Fiscal/Physical

*I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest, for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood. Luke 21:3, 4*

Total number of registered households: 725

When was the last parish census taken? 10 years ago, but updated regularly through mailings

Over the last ten years, the number of families has Increased from 577 to 710

Of your families, how many contribute on a regular basis: est - 200

How many contribute occasionally through the year:

Avg. weekly income: approx \$6,700

DEF loan(s): \$75,000

Unpaid interest on DEF loans: \$0

Are any DEF savings accounts "restricted"? If so, please identify the accounts and restrictions No

Is all Church property (church, rectory, hall, school, garage, convent etc.) in good repair? Yes

If not, specify:

Pending Capital improvements/repairs? Estimated cost for these improvements/repairs (all in progress and paid for) dormers & shingles: \$3,900, stained glass: \$50,000, gutters: \$1,400

Total annual fuel cost: \$ 20,133 or consumption (e.g. # of gal) 10,071

Type of fuel: oil

Does the parish have a Finance Council: Not for a couple years

Please attach a current "Parish Annual Financial Report."

Is there a cemetery affiliated with your parish? Yes

If yes, does the cemetery have any outstanding debts? Yes, Oct 2004 - May 2015 Diocese budget bills

Is there a perpetual care fund for the cemetery? Yes

### Other Questions

Given the above information, does your income meet the needs of the parish? Yes

If not, now much more a week/year would be necessary to pay existing and pending expenses? N/A

Is the parish capable of raising enough income to meet its needs? What about in the future? Yes and Yes

What do you do to raise additional funds?

Fish Fries

Thrift Store

Project St. Matthew

Other events

Bottles & Cans

Clothing bin

Cartridge recycling

Christmas/January Raffle

If additional staffing, such as a pastoral associate or Director of Religious Education, is necessary, how big of an increase in income will be needed? N/A

Given the condition of your property , the parish population and the number of regularly contributing families, can you afford the necessary repairs and renovations needed? Yes

## Ministries

Ministry	Category	#Ministers	#Served
Pastoral Council	Administrative	7	
Office/Clerical/Counters	Administrative	6	
Social Media	Communications	3	
Signage	Communications	2	
Website Ministry	Communications	1	
AA	Community Support	1	
Boy Scouts	Community Support		
Christmas Giving Tree Project	Community Support	2	50-75 families
Clothing Give-a-way / Book - Bin	Community Support	2	
Cub Scouts	Community Support		
Food deliveries to the homebound	Community Support		
Food Pantry	Community Support	19	
Girl Scouts	Community Support		
Home School Families	Community Support		
Knights of Columbus	Community Support		
St. Vincent de Paul	Community Support		
Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets	Community Support		
Parks & Rec (game night) & gingerbread event organized	Community Support	1 coordinator	
Visitation House	Community Support	1 coordinator	
Grieving with Great Hope	Community Support	1 coordinator	
Bundles of Hope	Community Support	Many students	
Card Caring	Community Support	3	
Light of the World	Evangelization	many	
Cursillo	Evangelization		
Parish Center Promotion and Management	Facilities	2	
Gardens & Grounds Beautification	Facilities	2	
Sparkling Angels	Facilities	8	
Cemetery	Facilities	2	
Adoration	Faith Sharing	1	10-12
Annual CrossWalk	Faith Sharing	1 coordinator	

Bereavement Ministry	Faith Sharing	8	
Communion Calls	Faith Sharing	6	29
Prayer Chain	Faith Sharing		
Pro-Life Ministry	Faith Sharing		
Rosary in the Garden - October	Faith Sharing		
Motorcycle Blessing	Faith Sharing		
Pet Blessing	Faith Sharing		
Soup n Stations	Faith Sharing		~12 per session
Small Groups	Faith Sharing		20
Baptismal Prep	Formation		
RCIA	Formation		
Religious Education Teachers	Formation	10+	
Bible Study	Formation		
Vacation Bible Camp	Formation		
Recycling - Paper & Brigido's receipts & cartridges	Fundraising		
Bottles n Cans	Fundraising	2	
Fish Fries	Fundraising	8+	800 meals in Lent
Project St. Mathew	Fundraising	6	135 tickets
Turkey Trot (annual event)	Fundraising	3+	150
Thrift Store	Fundraising	4	
Collectors	Liturgical	10+	
Extraordinary Ministers	Liturgical	18	
Greeters & Ushers	Liturgical	17	
Sacristan	Liturgical	1(2)	
Music Ministry	Liturgical	7	
Altar Servers	Liturgical	11	
Lectors	Liturgical	17	
Liturgical Minister Training	Liturgical	1	
Church Laundry Ministry	Liturgical	2	
Flower Ministry	Liturgical	3	
Irish Night	Social		~100

# SWOT Analysis

## Strengths

- Location - busy main route, close to major routes
- Storage in buildings
- Recent and on-going paid updates to buildings
- Facilities - (diocese inspection notwithstanding) our facilities have had many repairs and upgrades over the past few years (as noted in our Facilities presentation). Nearly \$500,000.00 worth, so those costs are largely behind us for the time being. One feature being our ground level entrances directly into the church, and push-button accessible doors.
- Grounds - we have a large amount of mostly flat land that can be utilized for many things. It includes a fire pit, barbecue, and will soon have an outdoor altar donated and will be used for outdoor Masses. We also have a decent amount of parking capacity.
- Ministries - we have many active ministries with a good number of people participating in the, as noted in our Ministries presentation.
- Stewardship - both financial giving and volunteer participation has increased over recent years. Our Finances presentation should highlight our increasing incoming funds, particularly this year's.
- Cemetery
- Evangelization - Largely with Light of the World, we have called many parishioners higher in their relationship with Christ and with our parish. Many have become parishioners after attending the retreat. RCIA is also active, welcoming people new to our faith.
- St Vincent De Paul, B/M Food Pantry, Knights of Columbus, AA, and other community outreach groups work out of

## Weaknesses

- Adult faith outreach and education is largely not a part of our culture. It is for a core, but many adults are hesitant to engage.
- Besides the church, our facilities are not wheelchair accessible.
- No bathroom on the middle floor of the Parish Center.
- No air conditioning.
- No youth ministry.
- Parish center door needs replacement.
- Sidewalks need repairs.
- Parking lot can use repair.
- Fire safety system could use upgrades- church- even though it is functional.

## Threats

- In general, the Catholic Church is experiencing a loss of parishioners.
- A Secularization of the Sabbath (sports, shopping, work and other activities.)
- Increasing popularity of “new age” type spiritual worship.
- Scandals have tarnished the reputation of the Catholic Church.
- Fewer families are raising their children with Catholic values.
- Limits for evangelization (cannot collaborate with public schools).
- A cultural bias against Catholicism and Christianity in general.
- Aging population of Mass attendees and priests.
- Restructuring of parishes in the lower Blackstone Valley may cause parishioners to leave the diocese or the church overall.
- Trucks turning around in our parking lot due to a low bridge and ruining the pavement.

## Opportunities

- Thrift Store Ministry and Evangelization. Proceeds are expected to fund operation of the Parish Center. In addition, Bibles (free of charge), Rosaries, Parish Bulletins and Applications are available.
- The Blackstone/Millville Food Pantry located in the Parish Center could be expanded to include a new Soup Kitchen Ministry.
- Rental of the hall and kitchen for non-fundraising events and community use. Hall is video and Wifi capable.
- Lighted sign on busy St. Paul Street to attract the public to events.
- Attracting new parishioners from Woonsocket area churches that have closed or merged.
- Rectory- possible use for retired priests in addition to Parish Priest or for retreats. (Two suites and five bedrooms, chair lifts to all floors.) Conference rooms and a chapel are also available. Possible Youth Ministry space in the basement with a pool table.
- Possible one stop wedding destination (Church/Outdoor altar, Garden for Photographs and Hall for receptions.
- The possibility of obtaining a grant to upgrade the parish center to become an Emergency Center for the area.
- Should begin discussions with Diocese regarding restructuring/partial forgiveness of outstanding old debt to Diocese.
- Increase the capabilities of the cemetery with the addition of a Chapel and Columbarium.

