



**Guardian Angels  
by the Numbers  
2021-2022**

**844 Active, Registered  
Households**

**41 Baptized into the  
Catholic faith**

**16 Received First Holy  
Communion**

**23 Confirmed into the  
Catholic faith**

**2 Adults received into  
full communion**

**4 Marriages celebrated**

**26 Funerals held**

**\$683,426 Regular Con-  
tributed Income for  
Operations**

**\$252,695 Contributed to  
the Maintenance Fund  
(Including a \$203,500  
Estate Gift)**

**\$28,447 Contributed to  
Capital Campaign and**

**\$9772 Contributed to  
Debt Relief**

**We are Out of Debt!!**

**Many volunteers in our  
ministries of liturgy,  
prayer, education, ser-  
vice, and parish life**

Dear Parishioners,

The autumn season is now in full swing and there is a chill in the air as our children settle in at school and into our faith formation program. This year, we once again look forward to all the ways that God will bless us we pour our energies and efforts into our Encounter faith formation program. We need you now more than ever as we seek to live our faith and fellowship in Christ as much as we learn it.

As we look forward, we also look back and celebrate what God has done for us in the past year in our prayer life and as we have offered our participation and generosity. As we set goals and priorities, I look forward to presenting the results of our stewardship with you at Mass and in council meetings.

First of all, thanks for a great festival! I thoroughly enjoyed the time with you. Thank you to all who volunteered for this ministry and a special thanks to those who gave of their time on the planning committee. I wish to offer a word of thanks also to all who have taken an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays. This prayer has grown over the past year and it is heartening to know that we are a praying Church before our Lord. If you have not signed up for an hour, try coming consistently without signing up and see what the Lord does for you.

Thanks also to those who have taken part in our liturgical ministries. It all begins from the altar of Christ, and you help make our worship experience one that is filled with life and joy. These have been challenging times, but we never stop coming to receive His holy Word and His body and blood given up for us.

Our faith formation has gotten off to a good start. We are really excited about our enrollment which is about 140 this year, including 45 youth for Confirmation. We invite anyone to come to our Wednesday Encounter parent sessions where, through prayer, study and discussion, we encounter the Lord. Special thanks to our teachers, assistants, small group and table leaders for your time and dedication to our students. Please pray that our faith formation continues to be an ever more meaningful and shared journey of faith.

Regarding our financials, we are out of debt as of April 20th. Praise God! Thank you for all of your contributions to our regular operating fund, to our maintenance savings account, and to debt relief. Your prayerful participation and support enables God to do His saving work through the work of our hands. Thankfully, we received a \$203,500 estate gift which we applied to our Maintenance Fund. Such estate gifts are a very important part of our stewardship that allows us to address one-time needs and build for the future. This year, we placed a new roof on the friary, fixed our church air conditioning, and upgraded our church air handling controls.

Our friary renovation campaign feasibility study results are in, courtesy of Lynch Development Associates. At this time, LDA recommends an education phase for the parish and there will be more on this later. Thank you to all who came to the town hall meetings this past winter.

We will soon present goals and priorities to the parish and how your financial contributions will help to achieve them. Thank you so much for all of your good stewardship and may God bless us abundantly in our faithfulness!

Father Tony VanderLoop  
Pastor