



Paroisse St. Isidore Parish

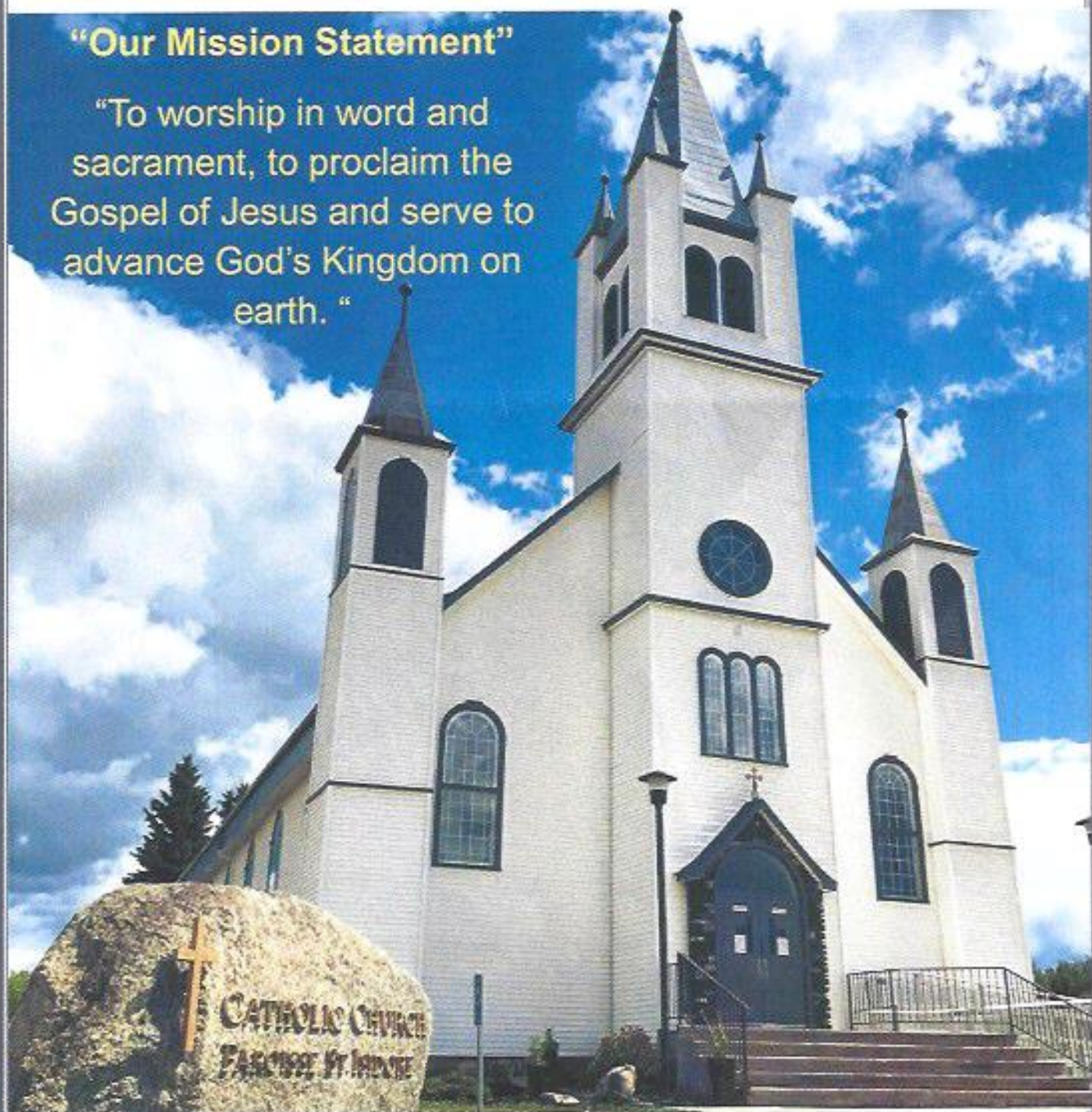
Annual Report

For 2022 year ending Dec 31, 2022

Web Site: www.stisidoreparish.ca

"Our Mission Statement"

"To worship in word and sacrament, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus and serve to advance God's Kingdom on earth. "



Our Core Values

Spirituality and Stewardship — **we seek to respond** daily to God's love in gratitude and in prayer, with compassionate service, generous sharing, reconciliation and justice.

Evangelization and Lifelong faith formation — **we strive to spread the good news** of God's love and to nurture the gift of faith through catechesis, education, reflection and daily living.

Respect and collaboration — **we seek to identify & affirm** the valued gifts of each person in pursuing Our Parish Mission.

Parish Pastoral Council April 2022-2023

Pastor - Rev. Marvin Tanquerido

Deacon – Rev. Jerry Metz

Recording Secretary – Rowena Beland

Elected Members

- Diane Cloutier - Chair
- Mark Gauthier – Vice-Chair
- Anita Gauthier
- Caroline Giammarioli
- Annette Tol
- Raymonde Menard
- Deb Ménard
- Dominic Beland

Appointed Members

- Anita Gauthier – Catholic Women's League
- Mike Piontek – Knights of Columbus
- Franco Giammarioli – Ecole Beausejour

Parish Finance Committee April 2022-2023

Pastor - Rev. Marvin Tanquerido

Recording Secretary – Rowena Beland

Elected Members

- Rachelle Plamondon - Chair
- Lori Girard
- Denis St. Jean
- EJ Menard
- Vernon Plamondon – Maintenance Committee Rep

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May 26, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We have been blessed with a fruitful year of growth and new initiatives this year. For all the good things, we give thanks to God!

This Sunday (Pentecost Sunday) is a glorious day at St. Isidore's as we share together at our Parish Annual Meeting the call God is placing on us to make disciples. And it's a call that I think is certainly not just for those of us (priests) who wear a collar. Paul's words to the Corinthian Church show that no one gets a free pass from being an active part of the Body of Christ.

So that's what I spoke about in my homily on 1 Corinthians 12.

St. Paul compares the Church to a body. Jesus is the head, and we are the members. Just as all the parts of the body are connected together and rely on each other for life and nutrition, so we are all connected to one another and to Jesus. And, just as every part of the body has a certain function - the eyes see, the heart circulates blood, the feet walk - so each of us has a certain role in the Church. No person is indispensable. Just as we would have a hard time getting around if we were missing a foot, so we as a Church are less effective in preaching the gospel when people keep their talents to themselves instead of sharing them to enrich the life of our community.

So, I give thanks to all of you who have shared their God-given talents and gifts by your faithful prayers, attendance, offerings, service, and so much more. In an unprecedented time, you enabled the good works of our Church's ministries to continue. And what moves me especially, is just how faithfully our volunteers undertake their works of service in this parish.

Now, as we look to the future, we never know what is to come, but we do know that we are never alone in what we face. We are together as a community in Christ. And together as one Church family rooted in Christ, we can do great things.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for continuously sharing your God-given talents and gifts!

We ask our Lord and Master Jesus Christ to bless and multiply all our good works and to bless you, the faithful members of this parish.

Yours in Christ,


Fr. Marvin Tanquerido
Parish Administrator

Pastoral Care & Spiritual Growth Reports

General

We have worked hard together and have accomplished much in 2022! We have continued to be a vibrant, caring, community of faith that remains focused on the call to love and care for one another as Christ has us despite the many challenges, we faced in 2022.

As we are slowly easing out of the restrictions placed on us because of the pandemic over the last couple years, our Parish Council is working on innovative ways to encourage and invite parishioners back into our church and participate in activities. These have been trying times for all of us, but we have learned that with a strong faith and with the help of technology, we are resilient.

We are blessed with the incredible works that were accomplished by our Parish volunteers in different organizations, ministries, services and programs. Thanks to you, for your marvelous cooperation, love, dedicated service, and continued support of our Parish Ministry.

As we take stock of our vision for the future of our Parish, our mission, our financial position, and our upcoming ministries, it is clear that we will need all of our combined gifts, skills, talents, support, and care for our community of faith as we face the challenges ahead of us.

We continue to strive to keep our parish a safe place for everyone and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

Reports

i. Liturgical Committee – Chair – Anita Gauthier

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- responsible for facilitating good liturgy in worship

- *ensures that each celebration is well organized and that everything needed is there

- *ensures that supplies are clean and required quantities available

- *takes part in planning celebrations

- *organizes and trains lectors, collectors, welcomers

- *guides and trains altar servers

- *co-ordinates choir and music ministry

- *decorates church according to liturgical season

1. Ministry – Welcoming, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Collectors –

Martha Ryan – Co-ordinator

This ministry has a team of 5 French readers, 8 English readers and 3 bi-lingual readers for a total of 16 readers not including Deacon Jerry Metz. We have a total of approximately 25 collectors. We have approximately 30 couples for welcoming. We are working on having a sign-up sheet done by personal contact. It is a work in progress.

In 2023, we are trying out having just the sacristan be the Eucharistic Minister as well as Deacon Jerry until communion is served once again with the wine.

We would like to thank all the parishioners for your patience and especially to all of you who stepped up to the challenge of being on the roster.

2. Altar Servers – Vanessa Melanson – Co-ordinator



April 2022 to March 2023 - The Loving Altar Servers of St. Isidore's Parish started serving once again in April of 2022 just in time for Easter with all restrictions removed. Unfortunately, some of the older kids stopped serving and our numbers were down but I was able to recruit a new group of younger kids. We currently have a list of 15 participating in the server meetings and at mass. Jessica and I recruited Meagan Lewis to help with the group meetings and as a parent supervisor on Sundays in the changing room of the church's basement.

I continue to use a private Facebook group for the altar servers and their families, I named the group: Altar servers of Plamondon. I post prayers and reflections on occasion and add details for any events or upcoming meetings. Although communication by text is still the best way to reach out to parents.

The servers met in March of 2022 for a Family Bowling event with Father Jestoni after mass and we ordered pizza for a meal, it was a success! In November 2022 we met again for a meeting and discussed Advent and again in December to practice the Nativity Scene.

The Nativity Scene for the Christmas Eve mass was successfully narrated and reenacted by all the children. The servers at Christmas eve mass always come in large numbers but it was a little chaotic since my servers were not sure what and where Chalice, water, wine, and candles were for their jobs. It is very different in the hall, and I recommend practice with the servers, so we can all feel more prepared next year.

There is an importance for flowers in church as they are a symbol of joy and a feeling of welcome. We do our utmost to assure a pleasing ambiance.

Our gratitude to the parishioners who provide purchased poinsettias and lilies for Christmas and Easter; and to others who share their garden beauties in summer as it helps to cut on costs, always appreciated.

In late summer, I had the pleasure to work with Fr Jonnel and Fr Lester, following Fr Jestoni's leave, to assure specific for all celebrations.

In November, Rena Braund has joined the team to share the tasks involved.

6. Music/Choir – Claire Richard – Co-ordinator

We started with music and choir practice for Easter on March 29. Over half the choir caught Covid 19 and therefore we simplified Easter Triduum to only Saturday and Sunday with musicians and choir members.

We had a full choir, director and musician meeting to discuss how we were to proceed with a schedule going forward. We have 4 choir directors and 5 extra musicians besides Ramona and Sherry. Thank you to Mary Piquette for joining our musician team.

Communication goes out every 2 months to create the upcoming schedules for the next two months. Everything seems to be running ok. There was the odd time that we had to use computer music, but most of the time, we have been able to accommodate every Sunday. The only issue I see, are funerals. Especially if the funeral is in the middle of the week; there are people working and cannot get the time away. Even during the weekends, there is a struggle. We may have to inquire about contacting musicians/directors from other churches to see if they can come help us out on an as needed basis.

ii. Education/ Spiritual Growth - Deacon J Metz (2022)

1. Schools

Under the leadership of principal Étienne Vaillancourt, religious education and parish participation remain an integral part of student life at École Beauséjour. Franco Giammarioli remains the liaison for Spiritual Education in the school. Sadly, the pandemic restrictions imposed at school (2020-2022), limited our ability to have student masses in the church. However, accommodations were made so that our parish priest could speak to our students virtually. Thankfully, with restrictions now lifted, this new school year has brought a renewed sense of participation to us all. We were able to have a mass to begin the school year. Unfortunately, our students were unable to attend the Ash Wednesday celebration on February 22 due to inclement weather. Despite this setback, our students, under the guidance of Mrs. Karen Levoir, Mrs. Sherry Chevigny, and Mrs. Sara Doody, have participated in the youth choir for certain masses.

2. Bible Studies - Caroline Giammarioli

Contact Caroline Giammarioli for future Bible studies. The current group is studying "Acts" is half way through the program and plans to complete Acts in 2023.

3. Library & Resource Materials including on line studies.

Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series - **"The Mass"** ; **"The Seven Sacraments"**, **Word on Fire**, and **the Pivotal Players** remain available to all parishioners via access in the parish office. They can be signed out for review in your homes or in home gatherings. These are excellent resource materials for small group gatherings for review and faith sharing in your own homes.

Resource materials remain available to all parishioners in our Parish Library located in the church rectory. Our library has religious articles, books, rosaries, statue's, bibles, prayer cards for sale and much more, (see Maria Plamondon or the parish office for more information).

The "Lighthouse Catholic Media" CD's display remains available for your viewing and access at the back of the church. Please take a few minutes after mass to see if there is material there that may interest you. The topics available varies greatly.

4. RCIA - Caroline Giammarioli

There is no one currently enrolled in the RCIA program.

5. Retreats & Prayer

For "Advent" a six-episode series on **"The Creed by Bishop Barron"** was presented and led by Carline Giammarioli. These episodes were very educational on what the Catholic Churches Creed encompasses and the in depth meaning and history that formed each part of the creed.

Every year we continue with the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.

6. A Safe Parish Community

The Safe Parish Committee in St. Isidore, currently is the Chair of Parish Council, Pastor Fr. Jestoni (or substitute priest in Fr. Jestoni absence) and a parishioner at large currently Richard Mahe. The ongoing purpose of this policy is to protect the youth and venerable, including those doing ministry through education and using best industry practices. Our facilities are in compliance. Our Safe Parish course for high-risk ministries signing up to minister is now on-line at, <https://dioceseofstpaul.talentlms.com>

7. Youth Faith Formation "Catholic Brain."

In the beginning of 2021 St. Isidore Parish introduced an on-line faith formation program for our youth, Grade 3 to Grade 8, a site called "Catholic Brain". This comprehensive interactive on-line site that will allow our children to learn **more about our faith, know it and live it**. This program was accessible to parents and grandparents alike and learning materials has the ability to be sent through email to the children. **This resource is under reevaluation by the PPC, to see the parish continues to financially support this initiative.** The first year it was put in place, the new candidates for the sacraments of initiation were signed into the program. In the second-year candidates of initiation were made aware of the program. Since then, there has been little to no interest in the program.

8. Sacraments 2022 - Jacinthe Lemay



Sacramental Preparation. There were 5 candidates that are currently participating in the sacrament preparation. In Father Jestoni absence, Father Jonnel kindly accepted to teach the Reconciliation program and was completed November 2022. Confirmation was taught by Caroline Giammarioli and the Confirmation celebration was held Jan 27, 2023 , with Bishop Gary Franken officiating.

Completing the program, First Communion in 2023 had 8 candidates enrolled, with First Communion taking place on May 7, 2023. First Communion preparation was led by Caroline Giammaroili and Anita Gauthier. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, parents and Father Marvin for helping and supporting the sacraments of initiation.

Baptism. Four members received the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish, Father Jestoni or his replacement leads the preparation program to prepare the parents for their children to receive this sacrament.

Matrimony. One couple that received the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Isidore Parish in 2022. Nor was there any pre marriage course taken for marriages held in other parishes by our local residents. Our pre-marriage course continues to be led by Alex and Claire Richard. Thank you for your ongoing dedication.

9. Refugee Committee – Deacon Jerry Metz

Update in 2022 - Life is good for The Kumar family now living in Edmonton. Farhan continues to be employed with the Bank of Montreal in St. Albert as a financial advisor. They have now purchased their first home in Edmonton and in the past year have had another addition of their family, a baby girl, Eilina. They returned to Pakistan to visit their family for the first time in 9 years. Zach continues to love school. Once again thanks to everyone who helped in supporting this initiative, this program was truly a success with the help of St. Isidore Parish. A Corporal work of mercy.

Once again, "Blessed are you who helped the poor and those in need."

iii. Plamondon Cemetery Report – Bernard Plamondon

Bernard Plamondon looked after the annexation of the land given by the Harold Hynnyk Family. The paperwork is not quite completed as yet.

We had the cemetery clean-up on June 28th last year. This year it is scheduled for **June 19th**. If it rains that day it will be held June 20th, 2023. Help from more capable, younger people would be much appreciated.

We applied under PDCDS, for the Lakeland County Grant Improvement for Cemeteries, and we were accepted up to \$5,000.00.

We thank PDCDS for mowing the lawn and trimming.

Melanie Braund built beautiful new gates for the cemetery entrance. Isidore Gauthier and Leonard Plamondon will install them this spring. Isidore painted the gates and will repaint the cross.

The plot fees were increased from \$250.00 to \$300.00 for parishioners and \$350.00 to \$400.00 for non-parishioners in line with the Diocese Policy regarding Funerals, Burials and Cemeteries.

There were 12 burials in the year of 2022.

**iv. Catholic Women's League – Anita Gauthier, President (2021- Oct 2022)
Cecile Lambert, President (Dec 2022 – present)**



January – Recognition was given to William Cadzow Hospital as per CWL National

Former member Eileen Sehn completed the History Album for St Isidore CWL

Our members were very grateful and pleased with the result of the album.

February - Participation in the Synod through prayers and attendance,

Importance in sending cards to respected Government

March - Day of prayer for Peace in the Ukraine with mass

In solidarity with the Indigenous Fire Keepers a roster for prayer time was set up for 5:00- 8:00 to include KC, Parish Council and Ecole Beausejour as well as the parishioners.

April ---A Spiritual Bouquet was offered for Pope Francis.

Anita attended the annual convention for St Paul Dioceses in Cold Lake

May ---Catholic and Living It pins were purchased as a gift for Father's Day

Anita attended the Provincial Convention in Lac La Biche as well as donated her time to help LLB CWL.

June ---Presented Wall hanging Crucifixes for the new confirmants as well as pins for Father's Day.

July & August ---A successful garage sale was held in partnership with the KC as a fundraiser.

September ---Reviewed changes made to CWL at the National level which has some impact on our Parish Council.

October ---Anita attended on October 1 a Diocesan meeting in Whitecourt with lac La Biche CWL president Celine Berlinguette

CWL hosted the Sunday brunch after mass to encourage fellowship in our church.

A Spiritual bouquet for Bishop Paul and for the new bishop was collected and fulfilled.

November---We added a CWL Corner in our church bulletin to inform the parishioners

December---Christmas stocking project this year targeted the homeless shelter in Lac La Biche.

Christmas get together was held at the Lambert with an invitation to bring a friend. We had a gift exchange plenty of snacks and lots of fellowship. Father Lester enjoyed it very much.

**Every month our Service committee sends cards and or flowers or visits the sick and lonely and new mothers in our community. A mass for the intentions of the CWL is said every month

v. Plamondon Knights of Columbus – Michael Piontek, Grand Knight



Continued to promote membership Faith Formation during monthly meetings from scripture and spiritual reflection. Distributed the food bank box donations located in the back of the church to our local needy families and the women's shelter.

Purchased small rosary gifts for the children who had their sacrament of First Communion.

The Knights of Columbus continue to accept bottles and cans in the blue garbage bin at the rear of the church for donations and their initiatives. We also collect non-perishable food items to give to families in need. The collection box is located in the gathering room of the church.

Parish breakfasts and Mother's Day breakfast were served to celebrate and honour our parishioners and mothers

Attended funerals representing Knights of Columbus to honour the spouse and the family of the deceased

Donated \$500 to Ukraine casualties

The Knights of Columbus along with a few parishioners helped to set up outside Christmas décor at the rectory and church. This initiative helped our community to feel some Christmas spirit for the season.

We recently were able to host a snowmobile rally in February of 2023. It was a success. 92 participants enjoyed the event. 2 thousand profits. Thank you for all the sponsors!

Should anyone be interesting in knowing more about our meetings and initiatives, please contact us.

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Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022

	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	Variance Yr to Yr	Notes
Income				
General Collections	84,764	77,173	7,591	1
Shared Costs	6,764	5,274	1,490	4
Interest Income	6,236	8,194	(1,958)	
Special Collections	3,572	4,279	(707)	2
Cemetery Plot Sales	1,475	1,100	375	
Church Store Revenue	2,386	488	1,898	
Rectory Rent Recovery	1,890	3,240	(1,350)	
Stole Fees	1,550	3,050	(1,500)	
Altar Servers	872	396	476	
Recoverable Income	581	758	(177)	
Music Ministry	301	0	301	
Donations - Other	225	23,889	(23,664)	*
Miscellaneous	103	249	(146)	
In-Kind Donations	0	111	(111)	
Church Beautification	0	6,214	(6,214)	3
Church Special Events	0	0	-	
Cemetery Improvements Funded from Deferred	1,452	3,082	(1,630)	3
Federal Government Wage Subsidy	0	14,363	(14,363)	5
Total Income	\$112,171	\$151,860	-\$39,689	
Expenses				
Salary, Benefits, Allowances	64,596	67,601	3,005	6
Utilities	14,649	12,056	(2,593)	
Insurance	14,435	9,961	(4,474)	
Diocesan Imposition	9,925	12,104	2,179	
Church Beautification	8,365	6,981	(1,384)	3
Office Supplies, lease, internet, postage, etc.	4,958	4,089	(869)	
Special Collections Paid Out	3,572	4,279	707	2
Church & Rectory Repair & Maintenance	5,662	1,422	(4,240)	
Property Taxes	3,289	3,274	(15)	
Cemetery	3,152	4,234	1,082	
Janitorial	2,822	2,183	(639)	6
Yard Maintenance	2,567	1,428	(1,139)	
Small Equipment	0	0	-	
Worship supplies	1,602	1,386	(216)	
Supplies	1,081	2,085	1,004	
Altar Servers	872	396	(476)	
Recoverable Expenses	613	708	95	
Church Store Expense	584	468	(116)	
Angel's Liturgy	547	0	(547)	
Music Supplies	458	150	(308)	

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For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022

	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	Variance Yr to Yr	Notes
Advertising	436	0	(436)	
Bank charges	375	403	28	
Spiritual Education	0	146	146	
Church Decor	0	253	253	
Total Expenses	\$144,790	\$135,607	-\$9,183	
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$32,619)	\$16,253	(\$48,872)	
Less net donation from Parish Maintenance Society		(\$21,022) ²		
Funded from prior year Maint. Society donation	8,365			
Net loss from operations	(\$24,254)	(\$4,769)	(\$19,485)	

Notes:

¹ See 6 year comparison of collections summary.

² Special Collections received have an equal and offsetting expenditure for the disbursement of these funds.

³ Funds had been deferred in prior years for the Church Beautification project and for improvements to the Cemetery. Costs were incurred in the current year, thus the deferred funds were recognized in the current year to offset these costs.

⁴ Shared costs income is the cost sharing for our priest and secretary with Breynat. The calculation is based on the proportionate share of the prior year collections between the two parishes.

⁵ The Diocese applied for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy on behalf of the parishes. The final year for this funding was in 2021.

⁶ At the peak of the pandemic, as a cost saving measure, the Parish reduced the hours of the Secretary temporarily to one day per week. Part way through 2021, her hours were reinstated to two days per week. 2022 reflects a full year of 2 days per week.

**Paroisse St. Isidore Parish
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2022**

	2022	2021
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash in Bank	(4,119)	5,236
Petty Cash	200	200
Accounts Receivable	1,691	5,702
Inventory - Church Store	9,050	7,491
Prepaid Insurance	12,876	10,143
Invested with Diocese	196,288	226,066
GST Receivable	547	354
	<u>216,533</u>	<u>255,192</u>
Capital Assets	<u>1,542,213</u>	<u>1,542,213</u>
	<u>1,758,746</u>	<u>1,797,405</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Payable to Diocese	-	5,662
Accounts Payable	8,088	8,373
Deferred Revenue	5,586 ¹	5,702
	<u>13,674</u>	<u>19,737</u>
Long Term Liabilities		
Deferred Cemetery Funds	8,493	7,018
Deferred Restricted Capital Donations	15,258	15,258
	<u>23,751</u>	<u>22,276</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets-beginning	164,329	148,076
Current Year Earnings	(32,619)	16,253
Capital Asset Purchases - Unrestricted Funds		
Internally Restricted Emergency Funds	25,000	25,000
Internally Restricted Cemetery Funds	6,698	8,150
Restricted Equity - Perpetual Cemetery Funds	15,700	15,700
Investment in Capital Assets	1,542,213	1,542,213
	<u>1,721,321</u>	<u>1,755,392</u>
	<u>1,758,746</u>	<u>1,797,405</u>

¹ Deferred revenue includes:

Altar Servers	1,862	2,187
Choir	3,724	3,515
\$	<u>5,586</u>	<u>5,702</u>

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6 Year Comparison of Collections

<u>Year</u>		<u>Total</u>
2017	\$	97,637
2018	\$	90,271
2019	\$	91,459
2020	\$	81,717
2021	\$	77,173
2022	\$	84,764