

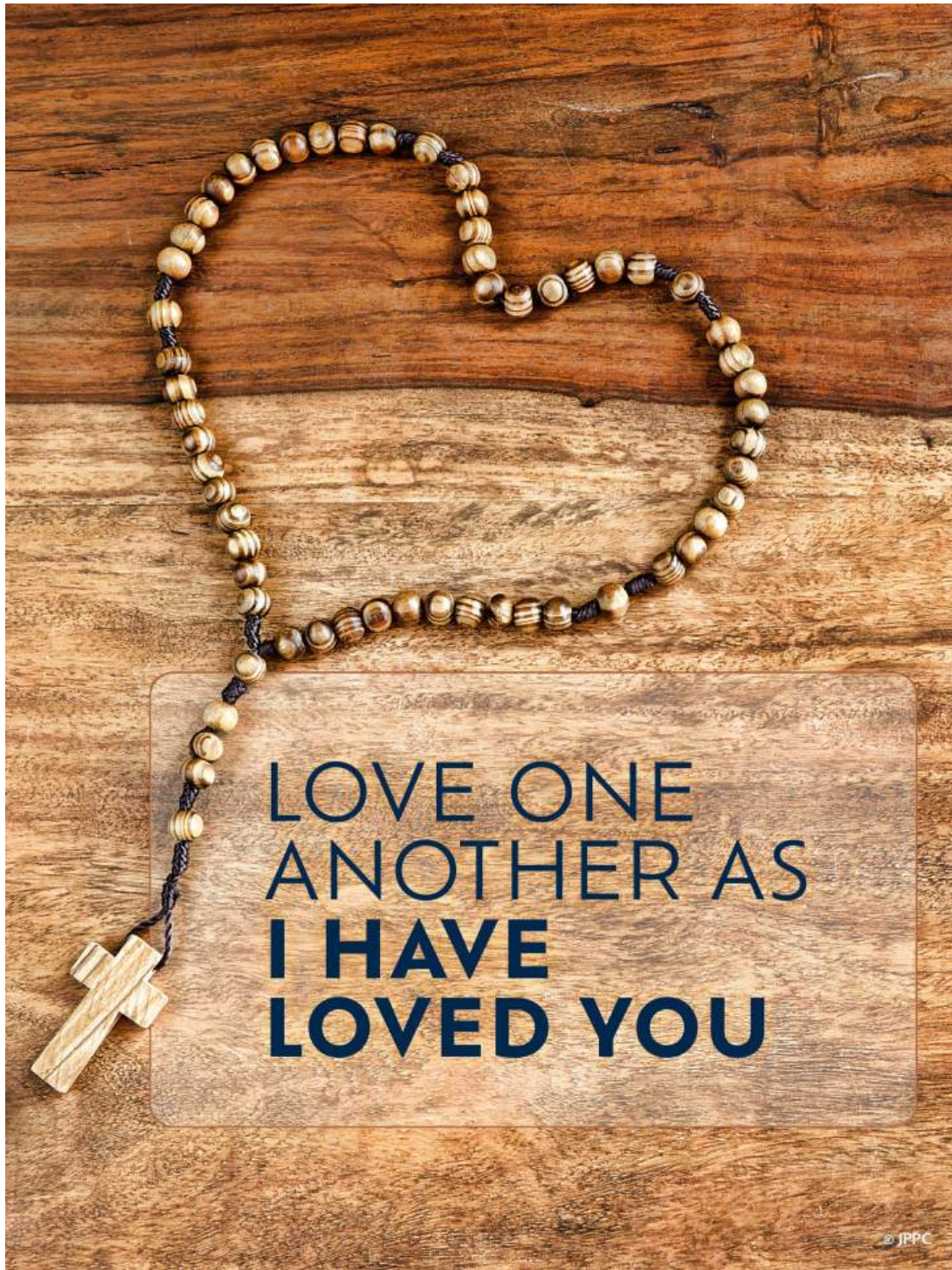
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**May 5, 2024 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter**





## Parish Served By:

**Fr. H. Todd Carter**

Pastor

**Fr. Caesar Rubiano**

Hospital Chaplain

**Deacon John Klinecicz**

**Deacon Robert Cerefice**

**Christa Dalmazio**

Director of Music

**Mrs. Fran Burke**

Coordinator of Religious Education

## Mass Schedule

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM (except some holidays)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:30 PM

**Traditional Latin Mass** is celebrated every first Saturday at 9 am and every third Sunday at 3 pm.

## Parish Membership

All new families are welcomed and encouraged to join Holy Innocents Parish as soon as possible by contacting the Parish Office, or by submitting the online Registration Form at [www.holyinnocentschurch.net](http://www.holyinnocentschurch.net). In order to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered and show your presence and support by attendance at Mass, and through regular use of your Offering Envelopes.

## Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated the 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Class is held on the first Friday of the month. Please call the Parish Office (x127) to arrange a baptism or to schedule attendance of Baptism Prep Class.

## Marriage

Parishioners should call the Parish Office (x127) no less than ONE YEAR in advance of your desired wedding date. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana Conference is required and suggested 6 months before the wedding. Sunday weddings are not celebrated in this parish.

## Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30 PM

**Please Remember Holy Innocents Church in Your Will.**



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## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

9:00 A.M. INT OF FR. CARTER r/b Rebecca Blonski  
 4:00 P.M. ADELE SPRINGSTEEN r/b Roberts family

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

8:00 A.M. JOSEPH FERREIRA r/b Diane Ferreira  
 THOMAS GLENNON r/b His family  
 10:00 A.M. MAUREEN McCORMICK UPADHYAY r/b  
 Bob  
 12:00 P.M. MARIANNE NAPOLITANI r/b Jim & Carol  
 Maliff  
 JENNIE MARIE PIAZZA r/b Her family  
 5:30 P.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, May 6, 2024

9:00 A.M. ROSE MARY KLIVER r/b Piazza family  
 NEAL PRONEK r/b Madonna House

TUESDAY, May 7, 2024

9:00 A.M. CATHERINE KIERNAN r/b Leahy family

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024

9:00 A.M. FRANK McGANN r/b Family

THURSDAY, May 9, 2024

9:00 A.M. ANTHONY & MARY HOOKS r/b Family

FRIDAY, May 10, 2024

9:00 A.M. ELEANOR SWEENEY r/b Tara Conery  
 VIRGINIA ANN PORTER r/b Madonna  
 House

SATURDAY, May 11, 2024

10:00 A.M. FIRST COMMUNION  
 4:00 P.M. JOHN & MARYLOU SAWICKI r/b Lottie  
 Barr & Ed Sawicki  
 PAT J. PAPA r/b Thaddeus Wargacki

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

8:00 A.M. THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 10:00 A.M. ELISABETH STERNIK r/b Her family  
 MAUREEN McCORMICK r/b Eleanor &  
 John Iannelli  
 12:00 P.M. INT OF MARIE VALVANO r/b Her husband  
 EUFRACIA SANGA SE r/b Sternik family  
 5:30 P.M. CYNTHIA NOBLE r/b Chris & Patti Piazza  
 ROSE GOODWIN r/b Madonna House



Dear Parishioners,

In our bulletin this week, you can find our Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Please read it well and take it to heart. I do not like talking about financial matters, or asking for money. But as parishioners, you ought to know the financial state of the parish. I would like to add the following commentary to the letter:

First, we are stable but this is mainly due to having rental income from the school. It is not good long-term for the parish to depend on this income because if the school decides to close or rent somewhere else, we would not be financially stable. The money from the school should be for saving or paying for extraordinary needs of the church.

Second, we definitely have needs right now that go beyond our income, even including the rental income. These include the roof of the church (we are still using the original roof which is more than 30 years old), repaving the parking lot and renovating the Spiritual Center for parish use. Raising money for these goals would greatly benefit the parish.

Third, this means that in the Fall, I am going to run another increased giving campaign. The last time I did this was in 2018 when I was still trying to save the school. I have avoided running another one because of the hardships of the COVID pandemic and the economic turmoil it caused. However, as you can see from the letter, we really need additional funding for the long-term health of the parish.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who gives regularly and within their means to the Church. The financial contributions of parishioners is necessary for the continued ministry of the Church and so that others who are less financially able can receive the sacraments. Good things are happening at Holy Innocents Church and we want to continue doing good for our sake and the sake of the world.

God Bless!

*Fr. Carter*

Financial Report FYE June 30, 2023

To the Holy Innocents Church Community:

In accordance with Diocesan Guidelines, the Parish Finance Committee has attached the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2023, prepared by the parish Business Manager. This report summarizes the income and expenses of our parish with a comparison to the previous year's summary. Weekend Church attendance and ordinary weekly collections have not returned to the pre-Covid levels of 5 years ago. Ordinary income is up slightly from the prior year. Rental income from the Charter School is more than 30% of the total income for the parish and without it the parish would not be able to sustain all parish activities at their current level. The FYE 2023 surplus was minimal due to the increased costs related to property maintenance, the effects of inflation and the increases in general operating expenses.

Weekly Sunday Mass and Holy Day collections have not increased to meet the needs of the parish. One-time donation bequests and rental income combined exceed 40% of parish income. Consolidated Church operating expenses continue to increase due to aging infrastructure. New roofs are needed for the church, rectory and former Spiritual Center buildings. The parking lot needs significant repairs and resurfacing in many areas. Some repointing of brick work has been completed but more is needed at the Spiritual Center and the School in order to prevent water intrusion into the buildings.

The previously incurred school operating deficit and the school closure costs continue to weigh on the parish however the repayment of a loan required to close the school (severance, benefits, unemployment, etc.) is being repaid at the rate of 50% of the monthly rental income from the charter school. Cash flow remains positive and some long-needed repairs and improvements have been implemented with more to come.

Expensive Parish projects are a near term necessity, especially a new church roof. The Spiritual Center requires a significant number of code related upgrades if the continued use for parish purposes is contemplated. At this time we are limited to an occupancy of no more than 50 people at any one time on either the lower level or the first floor. Required code and ADA upgrade will cost more than \$400,000 to achieve full functionality.

The most pressing large cost need is the replacement of the church roof which requires an upgrade to current building code requirements. Material shortages and inflation have pushed the project cost to more than \$425,000. The roof replacement needs to happen in the current calendar year.

Church income derived from your Weekly Offerings has decreased from 70% of total income, pre-Covid, to just under 50% of total annual income. Rental income will continue, however, at least 50% is committed to debt repayment. Increased giving, if within your means, will help the church meet the near-term infrastructure needs and continue to fully support all parish ministries and programs. An increase in weekly giving is a necessity as the costs of maintaining parish properties and ministry programs continue to increase.

Electronic Giving is an alternative to the Weekly Envelope that will provide a cost savings for the parish through your continued support of the Church, religious education and social concerns activities of the parish community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our pastor, Father Todd Carter for all his hard work and consistently active support of the Holy Innocents Church community. On his behalf we want to thank every one of our parishioners for your continued support of our church. Your giving has helped our parish community to be good stewards of parish resources in the celebration of our faith, the religious education of our children and support for the local community members in need through your very generous gifts of time, talent and treasure to support Holy Innocents Parish.

Sincerely,

Members of the Holy Innocents Finance Council



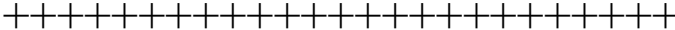
Income - Church	FY 2023 7/1/22- 6/30/23	% Total Income	FY 2022 7/1/21- 6/30/22	% Total Income	variance \$	variance %
Weekly Collection	\$ 490,695	47.2%	\$ 480,730	45.0%	\$9,965.00	2.1%
Holy Day Collections	\$ 6,744	0.6%	\$ 6,705	0.6%	\$39.00	0.6%
Christmas Collection	\$ 38,074	3.7%	\$ 25,312	2.4%	\$12,762.00	50.4%
Easter Collection	\$ 11,786	1.1%	\$ 21,627	2.0%	(\$9,841.00)	-45.5%
Non-diocesan Collection	\$ 14,013	1.3%	\$ 13,462	1.3%	\$551.00	4.1%
Poor Box/Stipends/Candles	\$ 25,057	2.4%	\$ 20,553	1.9%	\$4,504.00	21.9%
Other Collection/Donations	\$ 23,036	2.2%	\$ 54,045	5.1%	(\$31,009.00)	-57.4%
Donations - Restricted	\$ 67,131	6.5%	\$ 55,708	5.2%	\$11,423.00	20.5%
Investment Income	\$ 460	0.0%	\$ 158	0.0%	\$302.00	191.1%
Appeal Rebate/Faith 2 Move Mountains	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 10,410	1.0%	(\$10,410.00)	-100.0%
Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals	\$ 12,150	1.2%	\$ 12,930	1.2%	(\$780.00)	-6.0%
Rental Income	\$ 323,370	31.1%	\$ 321,744	30.1%	\$1,626.00	0.5%
School Debt Collection	\$ 1,424	0.1%	\$ 10,053	0.9%	(\$8,629.00)	-85.8%
Religious Education	\$ 25,679	2.5%	\$ 30,619	2.9%	(\$4,940.00)	-16.1%
Grants	\$ 0	0.0%	\$5,000.00	0.5%	(\$5,000.00)	-100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,619</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,056</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(\$29,437.00)</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>
<b>Expense - Church</b>						
Salaries	\$ 245,520	23.6%	\$ 217,263	20.3%	\$28,257.00	13.0%
Benefits & Payroll Taxes	\$ 183,868	17.7%	\$ 178,472	16.7%	\$5,396.00	3.0%
Professions Fees	\$ 60,913	5.9%	\$ 52,872	4.9%	\$8,041.00	15.2%
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 70,259	6.8%	\$ 59,586	5.6%	\$10,673.00	17.9%
Non-Diocesan Collections	\$ 11,812	1.1%	\$ 11,059	1.0%	\$753.00	6.8%
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 14,122	1.4%	\$ 15,059	1.4%	(\$937.00)	-6.2%
Administrative Office Expense	\$ 11,156	1.1%	\$ 16,966	1.6%	(\$5,810.00)	-34.2%
Religious Education Expense	\$ 79,558	7.7%	\$ 69,180	6.5%	\$10,378.00	15.0%
Utilities/Maintenance/Insurance	\$ 172,177	16.6%	\$ 158,091	14.8%	\$14,086.00	8.9%
Repairs	\$ 137,503	13.2%	\$ 77,146	7.2%	\$60,357.00	78.2%
Interest on Debt	\$ 8,568	0.8%	\$ 13,856	1.3%	(\$5,288.00)	-38.2%
Other Expenses	\$ 34,333	3.3%	\$ 17,498	1.6%	\$16,835.00	96.2%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,029,789</b>	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>\$ 887,048</b>	<b>83.0%</b>	<b>\$142,741.00</b>	<b>16.1%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 9,830</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>\$ 182,008</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>(\$172,178.00)</b>	<b>-94.6%</b>

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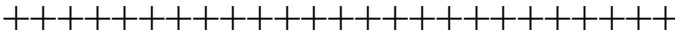
**Eucharistic Adoration** is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (except holidays and holy days) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate, as all are welcome.



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**Weekly Collections**

April 28th \$7,874 (includes electronic)  
\$1,710 (Catholic Home Mission)



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Sunday, May 19th  
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Due to the popularity of the Traditional Latin mass, Fr. Carter will be offering a Traditional Latin mass every 3rd Sunday of the month. If you have devotion to and would like to see Traditional Latin masses become more widely available, then please attend this mass or voice your support.

This mass is a trial run to determine the demand for this form of the mass. If it is well attended Fr. Carter is considering making it possibly a weekly mass.

For questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Carter at [toddcarterpriest@gmail.com](mailto:toddcarterpriest@gmail.com).



**Parish Office Hours**

Monday thru Thursday, 8 am-4 pm (in-person)

Friday by email:

[parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net](mailto:parishoffice@holyinnocentschurch.net)

hello, May!

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

- Sat., May 4 2:30 pm Confessions
- Sun., May 5 8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
- Mon., May 6 5:30 pm Religious Ed Monthly Program  
7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
- Tue., May 7 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir  
7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir  
8:15-9:00 pm Latin Schola
- Wed., May 8 7:00 pm Bible Study (Bldg 2)
- Thurs., May 9 9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration  
7:00 pm AA open meeting (Bldg 2)
- Fri., May 10 4:00 pm First Communion Practice in church
- Sat., May 11 10:00 am First Communion  
2:30 pm Confessions
- Sun., May 12 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**  
8:45 am Religious Ed (K-7)
- Mon., May 13 7:30 pm RCIA (Bldg 3)
- Tue., May 14 5:30-6:30 pm Children's Choir  
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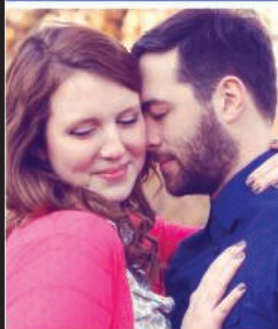
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