

## US CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Catholic marriages are down 55% since 1990
- Baptisms went from 986,000 to 694,000 (-30%)
- 1 in 5 children baptized do not receive 1<sup>st</sup> communion
- 2 in 5 children baptized are not confirmed
- 85% of children confirmed stop practicing their faith by age 21
- Millennials are less religious than preceding generations

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

- **27% Decline in Mass attendance:** 150,000+ fewer people attend Mass each Sunday compared to 20 years ago.
- **Significant population shifts:** Areas of Chicago that were once predominantly Catholic with a parish for each ethnic group now have fewer people and fewer Catholics but often the same number of facilities as in the past.
- **Fewer priests to serve our communities:** More than 160 priests will reach retirement age in the next decade with fewer priests being ordained per year (5-6 in each of the past two years) to replace them.
- **An aging infrastructure:** Many parishes are **significantly under-investing** in building repairs, leading to challenges with building upkeep that take time and resources away from ministry.
- **Insufficient resources to invest in ministry:** Over 40% of parishes in the archdiocese do not have a full-time staff member dedicated to ministry except for the priest.

## OUR PARISH GROUPING- St. Jerome Parish, St. Gertrude Parish, St. Ignatius Parish

### Local Area Demographic Notes

- In the combined areas covered by the three parish boundaries, total population declined nearly 12% between the 2000 Census and 2010 Census. Since the 2010 Census, the total population is estimated to have remained stable.
- Within St. Jerome's boundary area, total population declined ~14% between the 2000 and 2010 Census and is estimated to have declined ~1% since 2010.
- The racial / ethnic composition of our local area is estimated to reflect:

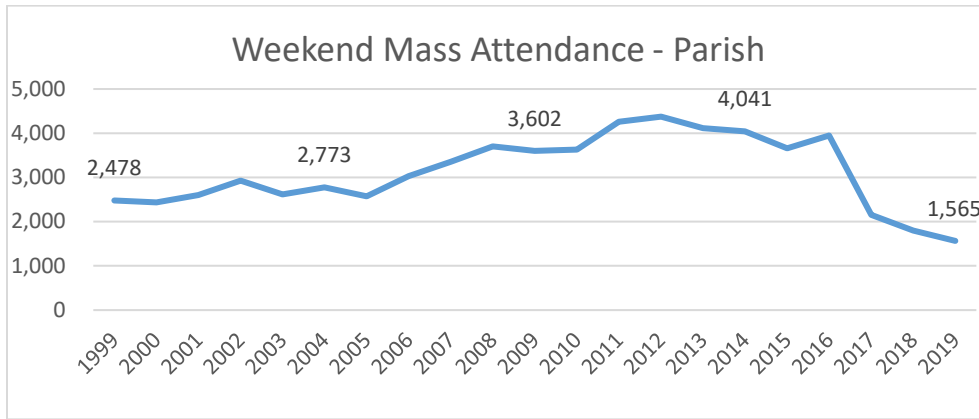
Race / ethnicity	Total Grouping Area	St. Jerome Area
White Alone	53%	47%
Black Alone	20%	26%
Asian Alone	11%	8%
Hispanic Origin (Any race)*	24%	29%

\*Note: The way demographic data is currently collected and reported counts Hispanic origin ethnicity in addition to race. I.e., someone of Hispanic Origin may also be counted within the three racial categories noted above. This is why totals may exceed 100%.

- Current age estimates reflect a gradual aging of the local population.
  - The population age 65 and older in the local area covered by all three parishes is estimated to have increased from 8.4% in 2010 to 11.6% currently.
  - Within St. Jerome's territory, the population age 65 and older is estimated to have increased from 7.5% in 2010 to 9.6% currently.



**ST. JEROME PARISH**



**Parish Mass attendance:**

- As reported in the annual October Count, weekend Mass attendance is 37% lower than in 1999.
- In October 2019, Masses in the church ranged from 14% full (11am English) to 47% full (12:30pm Spanish).

*Sacraments and Funerals July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019*

	Parish	Median in diocese (2018-19)	Highest 25% in diocese (2018-19)
<b>Baptisms &lt; 7 yrs old</b>	58	46	81
<b>First Communion (Youth)</b>	85	46	82
<b>Weddings</b>	4	8	15
<b>Funerals</b>	13	29	48

*Financial information*

- In Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019), Parish reported:
  - Sunday / Holy Day / Christmas / Easter collections of \$418,027
  - Inclusive of the collections noted above, \$646,850 of operating revenue, excluding any rent / lease income
  - Rent / lease income of \$96,053
- Parish had \$88,643 on deposit with the archdiocesan bank as of end February 2020 (pre Covid).
- No debt.

*Facility information*

- A facilities assessment conducted in September 2018 identified >\$3 million of potential needs across the campus for the next seven years. By building, the identified needs were:
  - Church: \$561,550
  - Rectory: \$158,200
  - Convent: \$353,200
  - School: \$832,250
  - Parish Center / Gym: \$1,178,700

Note: More information about the other parishes in our grouping will be shared as we evaluate scenarios at our next parish RMC conversation. This data sheet is intended to focus on the demographics of the grouping's shared territory and our individual parish's current situation to establish a baseline understanding of where we are.