

Devoting Support <sup>to our</sup>

# FAITH

Community

## STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during  
the COVID-19 pandemic.

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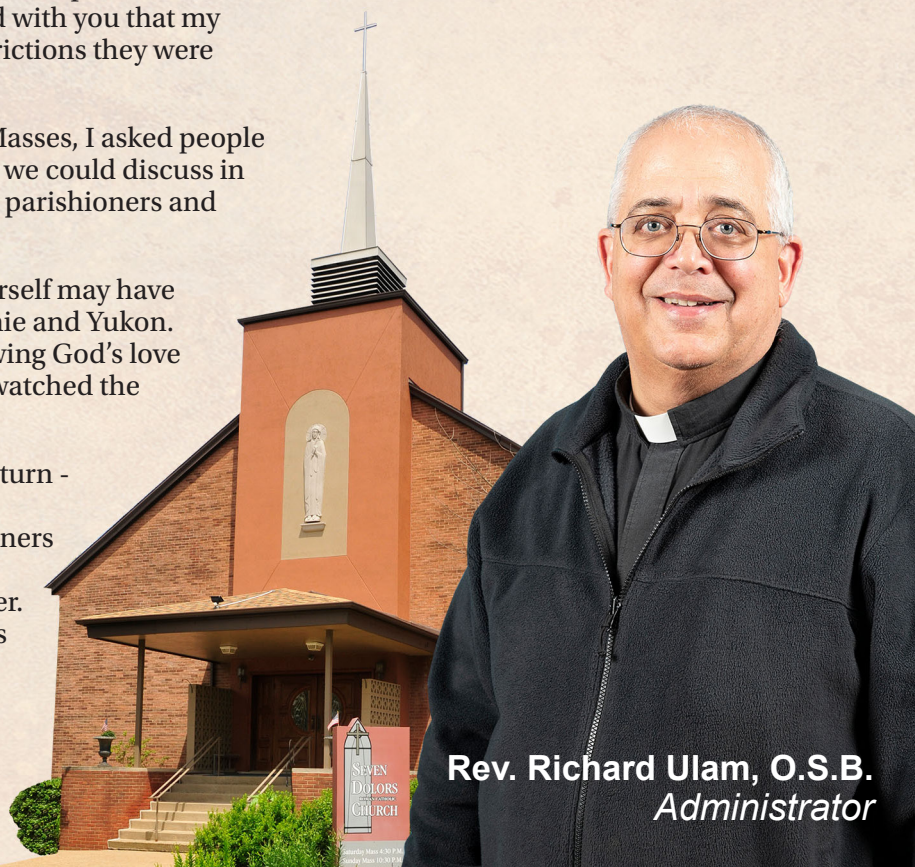
# Staying Connected During COVID-19

During the month of March, it became apparent that the pandemic was going to have a serious impact on our lives. I shared with you that my relatives in Italy had been telling me about the restrictions they were getting - including the closing of the churches.

So, on the last weekend that we were able to have Masses, I asked people to come out for a meeting on Tuesday, March 16 so we could discuss in person how we could best address the needs of our parishioners and neighbors in the impending crisis.

The turnout for the meeting was fantastic - you yourself may have been there. There were young and old from Herminie and Yukon. The enthusiasm for helping, participating and showing God's love evident that evening have not diminished. People watched the Bishop's Masses on television.

As soon as the church reopened people began to return - cautiously - to Mass. People reached out to fellow parishioners by phone and internet. Many parishioners have stepped up to help with cleaning the church, with the ministries of lector and Eucharistic minister. The bulletin has been available online. Parishioners have begun to have the rosary before daily and weekend Masses to ask the intercession of Mary our Mother to watch over our families and friends.



**Rev. Richard Ulam, O.S.B.**  
*Administrator*

## Ways You Can Give



Seven Dolors Parish  
P.O. Box 308  
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9 a.m. to noon  
and 1-3:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

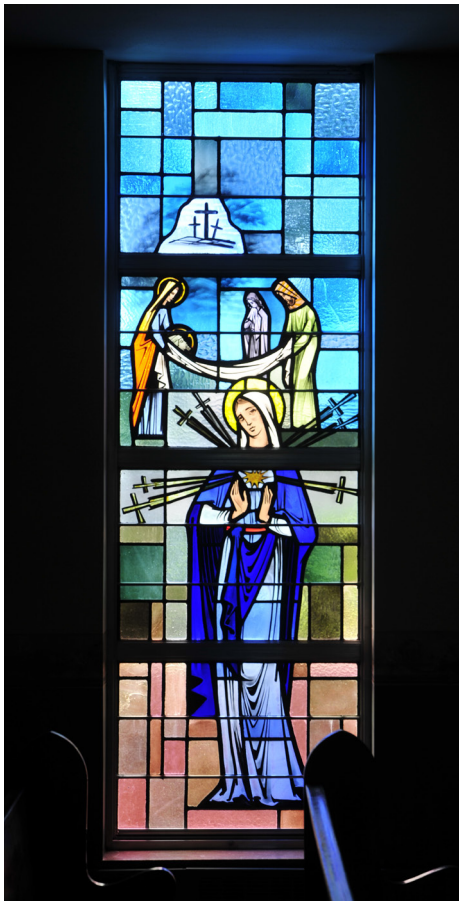


[sevendolors.org](http://sevendolors.org)  
[parishgiving.org](http://parishgiving.org)

Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings this fall and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase in your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment by mail, at the parish office or in the collection basket.

# COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community



First of all, and this is from the heart - I have been touched deeply by the generosity of our parishioners. In spite of the pandemic, you have been faithful in your financial support of the parish.

That being said, the lower Mass attendance has affected our weekly collections. I think the main change to our finances has come from not having any fundraisers. These activities help build up community and contribute to the financial stability of the parish. The Christian Mothers would have put on several Soupers by now. Each one brought in around \$2,000.



## Parish Statistics



### Registered Households



2018: 250  
2019: 253  
2020: 250

### Single Member Households



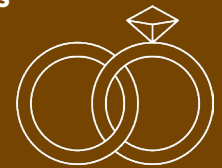
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### Baptisms



2018: 2  
2019: 2  
2020: 5

### Weddings



2018: 0  
2019: 0  
2020: 0

### Funerals



2018: 11  
2019: 17  
2020: 9

## Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 191,707	\$ 181,174	\$ 175,074
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,808	4,632	1,820
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	10,612	4,841	10,730
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	25,945	17,418	13,145
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	3,664	25,502	37,150
<b>Special Collections</b>	26,905	22,168	18,469
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 262,641</b>	<b>\$ 255,735</b>	<b>\$ 256,388</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 53,807	\$ 58,517	\$ 59,786
Church	33,491	31,328	25,587
Rectory	4,142	5,616	7,214
Education and Ministry	42,009	36,660	28,532
General Expenses	83,673	84,378	83,262
Special Collections	26,600	23,842	17,706
Extraordinary Expenses	78,045	31,111	14,369
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>321,767</b>	<b>271,453</b>	<b>236,455</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (59,126)</b>	<b>\$ (15,718)</b>	<b>\$ 19,933</b>

# Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community.

Over the last three years, we completed sealing the parking lot, with lines repainted, and finished the sidewalk project in the back of the church, which included stairwells into the downstairs rectory and the church.



## Ministries at Seven Dolors Parish

Seven Dolors Parish encourages parishioners to participate in one of our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### Altar Server

Altar servers assist the priest in preparing for Mass. The servers take part in the liturgy by performing tasks to help the priest celebrate the Eucharist. Altar servers must be older than 7 and have received First Holy Communion.

### Choir

These parishioners express an interest in praising God through song. The choir usually sings on Sundays (except for one Saturday per month) during the school year.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

These ministers assist the priest by distributing the Eucharist at Mass.

### Cantors

The ministry is open to youth and adults who have the skill and style to lead the assembly in its singing. Rehearsals are scheduled at the convenience of the cantor and organist (sometimes before or after Wednesday's choir practice or before Mass).

### Lectors

Lectors are also registered parishioners, men and women, who serve the faithful by proclaiming the word of God during the liturgy of the word, and who assist in the proclamation of the prayers of the faithful.

### Ushers

Parishioners who express an interest in assisting visitors and parishioners by helping worshipers get situated, passing out materials, taking up the collection, coordinating gift bearers and handing out bulletins may assist in this ministry. Ushers also provide assistance in case of emergencies.

### Money Counters

Parishioners, who work in groups of at least three, count the Sunday collection.

### Environment and Art

Those who help to enhance the worship space (especially for the seasons of Advent, Lent, Christmas and Easter), including setting up and cleaning up of various liturgical decorations and flowers.

### Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ladies

This organization focuses on the Catholic formation of children, the support of the family, and the prayers and good works for the parish. Their initiatives are centered on a relationship with Jesus Christ, primarily in the Eucharist, and a bond with Mary, especially through the Rosary.